

POSITION PAPER

essay writing kit

Build a strong foundation of the basic 5-paragraph essay with this **complete step-by-step** kit.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

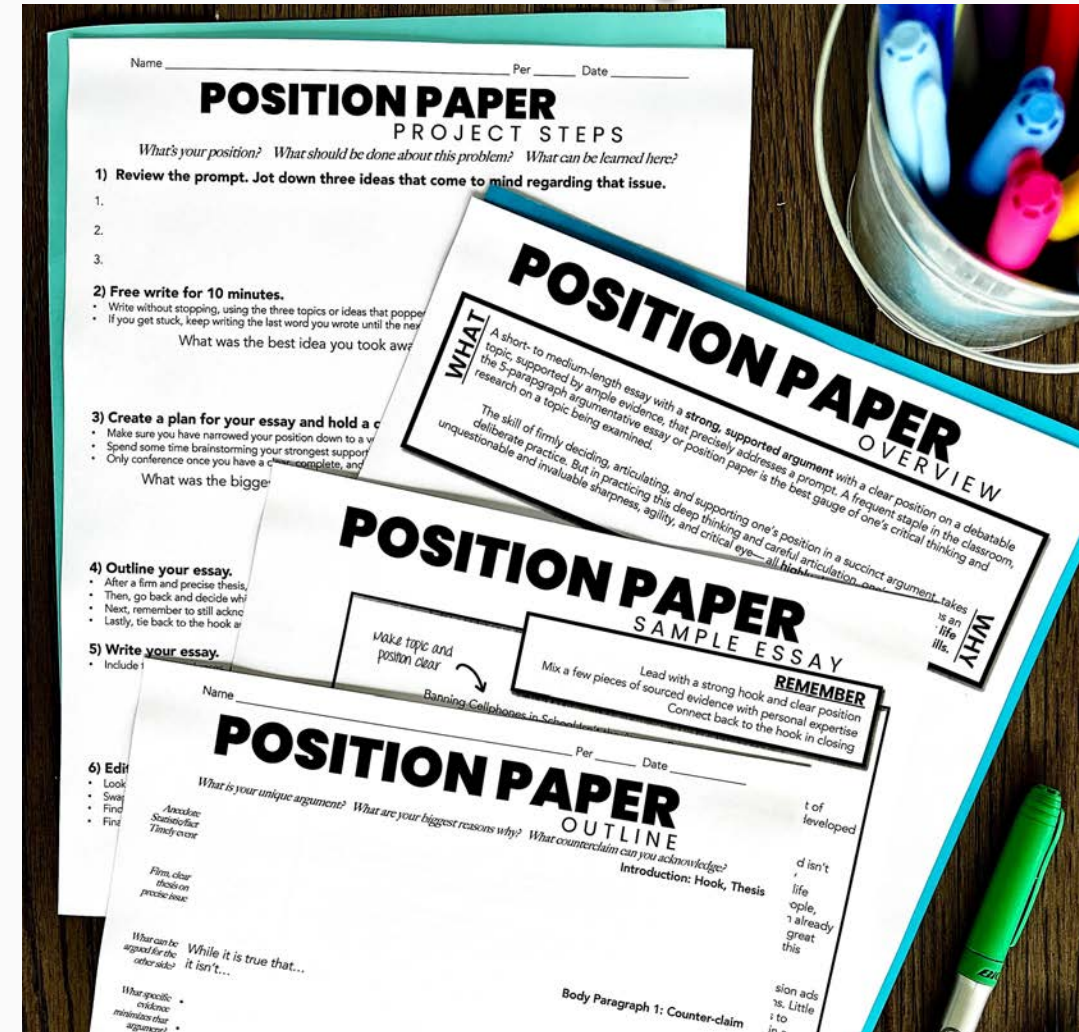
Add to any unit for a real PBL

Assign instead of a regular essay

Incorporate into your Current Issues, Civics, Social Studies, or Writing class

Use an end-of-course research capstone project

BOTH PRINT & PAPERLESS INCLUDED



SUPPORT ALL *students*

Included forms and how-to sheets *highly scaffold the writing process* from start to finish.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Step-By-Step Project Sheet

Overview, Brainstorming,
Researching & Outlining Sheets

Sample Letter, Edit Checklist

Reflections & Rubrics

Writing Skill Sheets

The image displays a collection of educational materials for writing a position paper. On the left, there are several overlapping worksheets. The top one is titled 'POSITION PAPER SAMPLE ESSAY' and includes a 'REMEMBER' box with instructions: 'Lead with a strong hook and clear position', 'Mix a few pieces of sourced evidence with personal expertise', and 'Connect back to the hook in closing'. Below this is a 'POSITION PAPER OVERVIEW' sheet with a 'WHAT' section defining a position paper and a 'WHY' section explaining its importance. Other sheets include 'HEADER & TITLE' instructions, 'INTRODUCTION' guidelines, and 'FREE WRITE' prompts such as 'DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE?' and 'WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?'. A computer monitor in the foreground shows a 'Position Paper Project Steps' document with a numbered list of tasks: 1) Review the prompt, 2) Free write for 10 minutes, 3) Create a plan for your essay and hold a conference, and 4) Outline your essay. A large blue arrow points from the worksheets towards the monitor.

FREQUENTLY ASKED *questions*

What grades is this best for?

It was designed for **high school** students who are continuing their practice of argumentative essay writing. However, if your middle school students are stronger writers already, this could work. Be sure to examine the preview and product description closely to decide if this resource is a good fit for your students.

Is this editable?

The planning, outlining, and rubric forms are available in print PDF and an editable Google Doc file that can be customized to meet your student's needs. The how-to reference sheets are available in print PDF and non-editable Google Slides.

Can I use this in a homeschooling setting?

Definitely! **Step-by-step forms** for brainstorming, outlining, and editing forms and **detailed how-to sheets** with a sample letter and skill sheets guide you and your student(s) through this complete writing process for this writing format and skills.

What standards does this support?

Several! This kit supports writing, research, and social studies standards from various states, including:

- Develop writing by planning, revising, and editing
- Conduct research to answer a question; gathering relevant information from multiple authoritative sources
- Introduce, develop, and support a claim with relevant evidence; address the counterclaim
- Follow proper grammar and punctuation conventions; create a works cited
- Produce clear and coherent writing that is appropriate to the task, purpose, and audience