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**Should animals be allowed in the classroom?**  
  
Research-Based Writing Assessment    
  
   
  
Directions:

- Read the three texts that are included in your packet.

- What is your stance or position?  Should animals be permitted in the classroom?  
  
- Write a letter to Mr. Weinman or Mrs. Beckwith, the science teachers, convincing them of your point of view.  
  
- In the introduction to your letter, write a claim stating your point of view and stance.  
  
- Be sure to list the evidence in your own words.  
  
- Use three quotes to support your stance.  Be sure that your quotes are only one sentence long.  
  
- Write several paragraphs that include many facts to support your claim/position/stance.  
  
- Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper.

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