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**Should Chocolate Milk Be Banned in Schools?**

**Argument Essay**

**DIRECTIONS:**

* Read the texts that are included in your packet.
* As you are reading the texts, highlight the pros and cons of chocolate milk in schools. (Use one color for pros and another color for cons.)
* Decide what your opinion is. **What is your claim?**
* Write an essay stating as many facts as you can that support your **claim, your position**.
* Be sure to **EXPLAIN** each of the facts that you choose.
* Be sure that you choose meaningful reasons to support your claim. Think hard. Dig deep to find meaningful pros **OR** cons.
* Be sure to include an introduction that has a strong hook. Be sure that you state your **claim** (the main point you are trying to make) in your introduction.
* Use three quotes to support your claim (but no more than three quotes).  Be sure that your quotes are only one sentence long. Be sure to cite your source using the MLA format (author page). The rest of your facts should be paraphrased (in your own words).
* Write several paragraphs that include many facts and evidence from the text to support your **claim** (the main point you are trying to make).
* Use the **RACE format** (found in your packet) to help you do your very best.
* Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper.
* This essay is due on Friday by the end of social studies class.
* This essay is to be written on loose-leaf.