

“Please Set Me Free!” Persuasive Writing Project

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This is a lengthy assignment, so start right away and be particular with your time.

Step 1:

[Visit this site.](#)

Step 2:

Use the number the generator picked to [select your identity](#).

Each identity tells you:

- Where you lived
- Your family’s lifestyle
- The area you live in
- A picture of your house

Step 3:

Research your neighborhood/city/town

Research your home (analyze it. Do you come from money? Are you poor? Are you the only “third” in your town? How does/did your family treat you?)

Use what you’ve discovered as the foundation for the project below!

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What if the government that instituted the limit on the number of children a family had, changed their minds – had a change of heart – so that others might be given at least a fighting chance at a normal life? What if they instituted a program where “Shadow Children” that are 10 years of age and older, could submit a video in which they had a chance to argue for their freedom? What if you were one of those “Shadow Children”? How convincing and persuasive could you be?

In this activity, you will prepare a 2- to 3-minute persuasive speech which will be filmed using the app Screencastify. When your video has been completed, a panel of “government officials” (family members and Facebook friends” will view the video to decide whether you will receive your freedom. Plan your argument carefully and practice being persuasive in your delivery.

Use the following questions as a guide in planning your speech:

1. Who are you addressing in your video?
2. What is the purpose of your speech?
3. Which method of persuasion are you using? (Ethos, Logos, or Pathos)?
4. Come up with 5 reasons/arguments as to why YOU should be free.
5. Why should the government choose you over someone else?
6. What are you going to do that will make you an outstanding citizen and member of society?

Requirements

When you are recording your presentation, [visit this site](#) and have it as your background for the video.

TIP** You might want to mention in your videos that it’s been 10 years since the attacks on the protestors and that not a day goes by that you don’t think about your friends – the other shadow children – who fought for their rights and were massacred. (This would appeal to many parents!) You’ll also want to describe what life was like for you as a shadow child.

This assignment is due before the test on Friday!