Grade 5 ACT ASPIRE
Persuasive/Argumentative Writing Prompts
You are going to write an essay in which you express and support your opinion.

Your local library wants to encourage kids to learn about the past and is trying to decide which resource to use: historical fiction books or movies about historical events. Which would you choose to get kids to learn about the past, and why?

Write an essay in which you give reasons for your choice and explain why your choice is better than the other option. Be sure to include details and examples to support your reasons.
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Your school district is reviewing their current dress code policy: school uniforms or casual clothes. Which would you choose for your school district, why?

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You would like for students in your school to have a longer break times: 30 minutes a day vs 1 hour a day. Which would you choose for the kids break time, and why?

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It is time for your school to review their electronic policy: cell phones allowed in the classroom or no cellphones. Which would you choose for kids, and why?

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Your local little league football teams is reviewing its sporting safety policy and is trying to decide which is safer for players: tackling or flag football. Which would you choose for to keep kids safe, and why?

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Your school cafeteria wants to encourage students to eat and drink healthier foods and is trying to decide which option is better: white milk only or white and flavored milk. Which would you choose for kids in your school, and why?

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Your neighborhood recreational center is purchasing new equipment for the neighborhood. They are trying to decide which equipment students prefer the most: outdoor activities (bikes, skates, basketball court) or video gaming systems such as (Playstation/X-Box360). Which equipment would you choose for the kids in your neighborhood, and why?

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Your principal is reviewing the homework policy and is trying to decide whether to add 10 additional minutes for a homework for a total of 40 minutes a day or reduce the amount of homework by 10 minutes for a total of 20 minutes a day. Which would you choose 40 minutes a day or 20 minutes a day, and why?

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Your local library wants to refresh the library to meet the 21st Century and are trying to decide which option is best: digital books or hard copies. Which would you choose for your school library, and why?

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Your local school is considering a new sporting opportunity for the students and is trying to decide which sport student would prefer most: a swim team or a bowling team. Which would you choose for the students in your school, and why?

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Your principal would like to review the school's positive behavioral plan and is considering rewarding the students with certificates/trophies or prizes/gift certificates. Which would you choose for an incentive, and why?

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Your school district is reviewing the school calendar is trying to decide which is most beneficial for students: school year round or no school during the summer. Which would you choose, and why?

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Your teacher would like to buy a classroom pet and is trying to decide which pet would best for the class: a hamster or a gold fish. Which pet would you choose for your classroom, and why?

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Your school district is considering changing the school times and is trying to decide which time is better: school to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. or begin at 7:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Which would you choose, and why?

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