

## **Bellringer 9 – Pre-writing for Persuasive Essays**

**Choose from the following topics below and begin the Pre-writing process. Remember that you are brainstorming; the more information you have, the better.**

- Should students be allowed to have cell phones in elementary and high schools?
- Should students have to wear uniforms?
- Should college athletes be paid for playing?
- Should state colleges be free to attend?
- Should all Brazilian citizens have to complete a year of community service?
- Should students be required to take foreign language classes?
- Should marijuana be legal for medicinal purposes?
- Should the voting age be lowered to thirteen?
- Should the driving age be raised to twenty-one?
- Should students be paid for having good grades?
- Should not wearing a seat-belt be illegal?
- Should students' textbooks be replaced by notebook computers?
- Should students have to pass a basic skills test to graduate high school?
- Should schools raise money by selling candy and sugary soft drinks to students?
- Should schools serve french-fries and fried potato products to students at lunch?
- Should students' grades in gym affect their grade point averages?
- Should girls be allowed to play on boys sports teams?
- Should teens be able to buy violent video games?
- Should boys and girls be in separate classes?
- Should teenage girls be allowed to get birth control without the permission of their parents?
- Should people who download music and movies illegally be punished?
- Should school athletes have to be on the honor roll to play in games?
- Should music with curse words be allowed at school dances?
- Should public schools begin the day with a silent prayer time?
- Should students be able to listen to MP3 players on headphones during study hall?
- Should schools offer fast food options like McDonald's or Taco Bell?
- Should smoking be allowed at parks and other outdoor public venues?
- Should cities offer free public Wi-Fi?