

# WRITING TO DISCUSS – YEAR 5

## TEXT TYPES:

Balanced Argument	Newspaper/Radio Article	Review
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Balanced Argument Example	Planning Template								
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WHY VISIT ANTARTICA?</b></p> <p>Since Roald Amundsen's team became the first humans to reach the South Pole on December 14<sup>th</sup> 1911, there has been much discussion about why explorers would want to visit Antarctica. This raging controversy is of vital importance because children in Y6 are suggesting that we have a class trip there as part of our topic.</p> <p>Mr Nourse, friend of famous explorers, has argued that we should visit Antarctica because this would benefit us in many ways. Firstly, it would enable us to see penguins in their natural environment, giving us a greater understanding of how these wonderful creatures behave and live in the wild. Furthermore, it would help us to undertake research in order to further protect Antarctica. This would ensure that future generations are able to see Antarctica as we do today. Moreover, Mr Nourse argues that visiting Antarctica offers individuals a chance to embark on a life-changing journey of self-discovery and personal challenge.</p> <p>On the other hand, the large majority of people on Earth do not believe that visiting Antarctica is a wise suggestion. First of all, they point to the fact that when people have previously visited Antarctica, they have lost their lives due to the harsh conditions there. Furthermore, they add that diaries from previous explorers show that they miss their families too much and suffer from depression as a result of this. Additionally, they are worried that by visiting Antarctica we are adding to the melting of the polar ice caps as we travel on them.</p> <p>Having considered the arguments from both sides, we believe that people should be encouraged to visit Antarctica as there is much to be gained from the whole experience. While the majority of people are usually correct, we have concluded that in this instance, Mr Nourse is a force to be reckoned with and we should take his advice.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Discussion Writing</h3> <p>Use the discussion template to plan your writing</p> <p>Should ....</p> <p>Introduction to the argument – why is it causing controversy?</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>❖ Point 1 + evidence</td> <td>❖ Point 1 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>❖ Point 2 + evidence</td> <td>❖ Point 2 + evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>❖ Point 3 + evidence</td> <td>❖ Point 3 + evidence</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Conclusion – State your opinion with reasons and evidence why</p> </div>	For	Against	❖ Point 1 + evidence	❖ Point 1 + evidence	❖ Point 2 + evidence	❖ Point 2 + evidence	❖ Point 3 + evidence	❖ Point 3 + evidence
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## TEXT FEATURES:

Relative clauses	Quotes	Complex lists	Parenthesis
Human immigration, <b>which is becoming a major concern in Europe due to various factors</b> , is something we need to understand more.	Martin Luther King Jr famously said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”	People leave their home countries for various reasons : lack of employment ; uninhabitable living conditions ; war between states ; reuniting the family.	Refugees can request a right of asylum ( <b>protection by another country</b> ) if they are not safe to remain living in their country of birth.

## SENTENCE STRUCTURE:

### Modal verbs

- must, mustn't    ▪ shall, shall not
- will, won't      ▪ would, wouldn't

### Adverbials

- Despite the negatives ...
- As a consequence of this ...

### Passive voice

- The laws are determined by the government.

### Technical vocabulary

- administration
- embassy

### Formal tone

- It is felt that the target is unrealistic and unachievable.

### Expanded noun phrases

- These alarming images coming to use from on board the boat.

## MAKE IT FLOW:

**CONJUNCTIONS: FANBOYS** ~ although ~ as ~ while ~ until ~ since

**CONNECTIVES:** equally ~ likewise ~ many people believe ~ alternatively ~ rather than ~ whereas ~ consequently ~ hence ~ due to the fact

# WRITING TO DISCUSS – YEAR 6

## TEXT TYPES:

Balanced Argument	Newspaper/Radio Article	Review
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Radio Interview	Planning Template								
<p><b>SHOULD GALACTIC PARK BE CLOSED?</b></p> <p><b>RADIO ANNOUNCER</b> Many of you are concerned that the redeveloped Galactic Park is now facing closure. So this morning we have with us in the studio Mr Willis — the managing director of Galactic Park. If you have anything that you would like to discuss with Mr Willis, here's your chance. The lines are open, so ring us now.</p> <p>Good morning Johanna. Do you have something to say to Mr Willis?</p> <p><b>JOHANNA</b> Well yes. Mr Willis, the Big Dipper has caused a lot of noise and unrest for the people of North Park. And now it looks like Galactic Park will close at great expense to the public. How can you justify what has happened?</p> <p><b>MR WILLIS</b> Johanna, I understand what you are saying, but all you have to do is put it in an historical context. Galactic Park is an Australian icon which has been a part of our history for as long as people can remember. The smiling face has greeted millions of people, both Australians and tourists. The Park has also provided millions of people with hours of enjoyment.</p> <p><b>RADIO ANNOUNCER</b> We now have Russell from Aqua Bay on the phone. Go ahead Russell.</p> <p><b>RUSSELL</b> It is all very well for Galactic Park to be an Australian icon, but I—and the other residents of Aqua Bay—don't get any sleep. We lie awake all night listening to the noise of the Big Dipper, and to the screams of the people on it. Why wasn't any thought given to this problem? In my opinion, the park must be closed. The sooner the better.</p>	<p><b>Discussion Writing</b> Use the discussion template to plan your writing</p> <p>Should .....</p> <p>Introduction to the argument – why is it causing controversy?</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Against</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>❖ Point 1 + evidence + elaboration</td> <td>❖ Point 1 + evidence + elaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>❖ Point 2 + evidence + elaboration</td> <td>❖ Point 2 + evidence + elaboration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>❖ Point 3 + evidence + elaboration</td> <td>❖ Point 3 + evidence + elaboration</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Conclusion – State your opinion with reasons and evidence why</p>	For	Against	❖ Point 1 + evidence + elaboration	❖ Point 1 + evidence + elaboration	❖ Point 2 + evidence + elaboration	❖ Point 2 + evidence + elaboration	❖ Point 3 + evidence + elaboration	❖ Point 3 + evidence + elaboration
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Relative clauses	Quotes	Complex lists	Parenthesis
The North Sea , which covers an area of approximately 575,000 km <sup>2</sup> , would flood all of the Eastern counties of England such as Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire if the water level rose dramatically.	<p>“This is the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced. This is not something you can ‘like’ on Facebook.”</p> <p>Greta Thunberg, Swedish environmental activist.</p>	Many environmental issues arise due to climate change : more violent weather conditions ; drought in vegetative areas ; death of animal and plant species ; flooding from rivers and lakes.	<p>This flooding - <b>the worst in history</b> – could wipe out millions of species.</p> <p>Oceans absorb 27% of CO<sub>2</sub> (<b>carbon dioxide</b>) in the atmosphere.</p>

## SENTENCE STRUCTURE:

### Modal verbs

- may have
- might have
- could have
- ought to

### Adverbials

- Contrary to popular opinion ...
- Owing to an increase in ...

### Passive voice

- The lands will be destroyed by the flood irreparably.

### Technical vocabulary

- hypothesis
- carbon footprint

### Formal tone

- It is felt that the target is unrealistic and unachievable.

### Subjunctive

- It is imperative it be acted upon without delay.

## MAKE IT FLOW:

**CONJUNCTIONS: FANBOYS** ~ although ~ as ~ while ~ until ~ since

**CONNECTIVES:** furthermore ~ moreover ~ contrary to ~ conversely ~ in spite of this nevertheless ~ owing to ~ inevitably ~ the evidence suggests