

## **Writing a Rant**

### An Outline to Guide and Help

Rant Topic: Homework

Rant Title: We should not have homework

Story or Anecdote:

There are already some countries that have already jumped on board with the “NO HOMEWORK” train. I believe there should be way more than this some. For example, Finland has a no homework policy school wide through the country. In Finland there is a 93% graduation rate, compared to the 75% in the US. Grade point averages are also much higher in Finland as well. Not only are the grades higher but in New York City there is about the same amount of teachers as there are in Finland while New York City’s student ratio to Finland’s is significantly higher. Although there are many aspects that are affecting these numbers, homework is shown to be a huge one. Kids have more time to be kids when they don’t have homework to do.

Thesis: Although I could really go on all day about why we shouldn’t have homework there are 3 keys reasons why students should not have to go home from school and do more work.

1. There is no time to do activities.
2. There is no help from an adult.
3. Homework causes stress and anxiety.

List the Negatives:

There is no time before bed for kids to do activities, sports, or exercise when they do homework. Most kids look forward to being able to go after school and be able to do their hobbies which isn’t possible when you get hours of homework to do every night. Even if kids still do sports after school, they don’t get home until late at night then they have to do their homework which means they are up until very late. Additionally, there is no help from an adult to make sure students are practicing their homework the right way. You can’t call homework “practice”, if teachers can’t help students make sure they are doing work right. Also in a study researchers found that 70% of students don’t get feedback on homework and only a grade. How are these kids supposed to know if they are doing it right and learn and get better from their mistakes? Homework also causes stress and anxiety and causes some kids to procrastinate the work which can just lead to students not turning in homework on time or not at all which ultimately causes grades to drop.

Tone: frustration

Ideas for their incorporation: using questions to make listeners think. Use a strong conclusion to make listeners have the same feelings about the topic.

Summary/Conclusion (leave your audience with a strong metaphor or feeling, or even a solution): For generations kids have been doing homework. Kids, parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. It has been the same thing over and over again. The world has been constantly evolving, but why hasn't homework at all? Kids go to school 5 days out of the week for the entire day to learn, then they have to come home and do more work for hours on end. Excuses that homework is concept reinforcement is just BS. Its a grade filler, time waster and brain killer.

**\*There is a 3 to 5 minute time limit on your Rant**

**\*All Rants must be video recorded and linked on your online Portfolio for presentations**