

Unit 4: The Power of Pollinators

WEEK 5 Day 1

Writing Argument

Pre-Assessment

Content Objective	I can write a letter convincing a family member to make my favorite food. (W.3.2)
Language Objective	I can prepare for writing by orally telling my letter to my partner. (SL.1.2.a)
Materials and Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Argument Pre-Assessment sheets, 1 copy for each child, plus a few extra copies● drawing and writing tools● Argument Rubric, one copy to complete for each child● Argument Pre-Assessment Reflection
Opening 5 minutes	<p><i>Like you've done a few other times this year, today you will do some writing by yourselves, without help. This gives me a better idea of what you already know and helps me plan for our new Writing unit.</i></p> <p>Show the Argument Pre-Assessment sheet.</p> <p><i>Each of you will get a sheet that looks like this. At the top there is a place to write your name and the date. Then it says "Write a letter convincing a family member to make your favorite food."</i></p> <p><i>Before you write, you can practice your letter by telling it.</i></p> <p>Turn and Talk.</p> <p><i>Say your letter convincing a family member to make your favorite food.</i></p>
Individual Construction 24 minutes	Distribute writing tools and Pre-Assessment sheets, and send children to write.
Closing 1 minute	<p><i>It's so helpful for me to read your writing and to see what you already know!</i></p>

Standards	<p>W.3.2 Use a combination of drawing and writing to communicate a topic with a beginning, middle (including details), and an end.</p> <p>SL.1.2.a Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).</p>
Ongoing assessment	<p>To become familiar with the genre and how it is taught, read Writing: Introduction to Argument (in the Unit 4 Introduction documents).</p> <p>Use the Argument Rubric to score each child’s work. Then, complete the Argument Pre-Assessment Reflection to plan next steps.</p>

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