

Persuasive Letter with Counterargument Graphic Organizer & Check List for E9 U2 Portfolio

<p>Paragraph 1: Notes &amp; Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce yourself.</li> <li>• Who are you?</li> <li>• Why should the Prince trust you or consider what you have to say?</li> <li>• Include: Name, Age, Job, Family Background &amp; more. . . be detailed.</li> <li>• Identify your reason for writing the letter (called your position)             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support of the Prince’s decision to banish Romeo                 <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> </li> <li>2. Opposing the Prince’s decision to banish Romeo and asking for his return to Verona</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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<p>Paragraph 2: (This can be more than one paragraph) Notes and Ideas</p>	<p>Explain what you saw and heard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect yourself to the fight:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why were you at the scene of the fight?</li> <li>• What were you doing? Be specific (don’t say “I was just minding my own business when ...”).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Describe what you saw and heard/Summarize</li> <li>• This is where you rely on the quotes and characters’ actions from the scene.</li> <li>• Directly reference what you “heard” the characters say, and use their words to persuade the Prince.</li> <li>• Explain at least <b>two different</b> reasons/arguments for your point of view; each supported with a direct quote from the scene (a total of <b>two quotes</b>).</li> <li>• Appeal to the Prince’s emotions as well as the facts.</li> </ul>
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<p>Paragraph 3 Counterargument: Notes and Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly state at least <b>one reason</b> that someone who disagrees with your perspective would use (called your <b>counterargument</b>)</li> <li>• And then <b>explain why they are wrong or why you don’t agree</b> using specific evidence from the scene.</li> </ul>
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<p>Paragraph 4 Conclusion/Call to Action: Notes and Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directly and clearly state what you want the Prince to do (referred to as <b>Call to Action</b>).</li> <li>• Briefly remind the Prince why he should do what you want him to do by restating your main two reasons/arguments</li> <li>• Thank the Prince for taking time to read your letter and consider doing as you ask.</li> <li>• Remind Prince the importance of and the effect his decision will have (emotional reasons).</li> </ul>
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RUBRIC & EDIT CHECK LIST

10	MLA & Letter Format	20	Use of two quotes to support your position
10	Detailed character description	10	Convince the Prince using emotional and factual reasons
10	Identify reason for writing, your position	20	Clearly stated and supported counter argument
10	Detailed description of fight	10	Clearly stated call to action