

Persuade Me!

A Nestorian Rap

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It's time to write a strong essay.
The opposition you will mince.
It's time to say what you want to say.
It's time for you to convince.
The readers that read what you write
need to end up thinking that you are right.

In the first paragraph
Oh, what do we do?
Let's introduce the topic
in an anecdotal way.
Tell a story that illustrates
what you want to say.
At the end of the first paragraph
state your proposition
This is your thesis statement
that states your position
about whether you are for or against
or against or for
the issue you are addressing
and like a lion you must roar.

Chorus

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In the second paragraph
Oh, what do we do?
Now it's time to write
about your reason that is second best
and remember to write
with a lot of zest.
This is a vigorous struggle.
It is a contest.
So, attest and protest.
This is more than just a request
Your readers must be impressed.

Chorus

In the third paragraph
Oh, what do we do?
Now it's time to admit
That there are others that disagree
Explain what they're thinking
But you don't agree
refute the opposition
try to get them to see
that if you are right
then they can't possibly be
seeing things straight
but you have the key
that unlocks the truth
they need to understand your plea.

Chorus

In the fourth paragraph
Oh, what do we do?
Now it is time to write
about your reason that is the best.
Make your strongest argument
Make sure it is stressed
in the mind of the reader
until it can't be second guessed

Chorus

In the fifth paragraph
Oh, what do we do?
Now it is time to rap it up
And write your conclusion
Restate your position
Put an end to their delusion
Call them to action
So there is no more confusion
Tell them what they need to do
to set things straight
Now you've completed your task,
and there is no more debate.

Chorus

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