Persuasive Writing Structure & the Writing Process

Structure

- Use paragraphs to structure your writing which will help with clarity
- Introduction should state your opinion/thesis, as well as your supporting details (briefly)
- Include one supporting detail per paragraph (with an explanation as to how it supports your opinion)
- Conclusion will restate your opinion as well as the supporting details
- Use transition words to show that the ideas are linked

The Writing Process

- ★ Prewriting (brainstorming, usually using graphic organizer & planning for writing)
 - Arguably the most important part of the writing process since you cannot begin writing without any ideas!
 - Thorough planning <u>always</u> leads to better writing.

★ Drafting (take your outline and write into full sentences in your first draft)

- ★ Revising & editing (use strategies to check for proper use of conventions and for clarity)
 - You should be reading over written work **<u>multiple times</u>** to ensure it is ready to submit.
 - A good strategy is to read through it for specific corrections each time. (eg. Read it once entirely and ensure there are no first person pronouns. Then read it again for verb tense and so on.)
 - Read your writing out loud to yourself. This is the best way to revise your own writing.

★ **Publishing** (submit final product)