**Year 8**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Writing a balanced argument checklist**

Staple that checklist to your writing and tick the elements you have used in your writing – First draft

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| **Features** | **S** |
| Attention grabber |  |
| Introduction gives a general overview |  |
| Thesis statement |  |
| Two paragraphs with the point of discussion |  |
| Examples to prove your point |  |
| Two or one paragraph against the point of discussion |  |
| Transition linking words of addition / contrast |  |
| Third person |  |
| Passive voice |  |
| 5 different punctuation marks |  |
| Conclusive paragraphs that includes your opinion |  |

Homework- Writing

Write a 5 paragraph argument on one of the following prompts:

1. Is it fair to assign homework over weekends and holidays?
2. Is it ethical to use animals for entertainment purposes, such as in circuses or zoos?
3. Should schools eliminate standardized testing as a measure of academic achievement?
4. Should students be required to wear school uniforms?
5. Is homework beneficial for students' academic success, or does it cause unnecessary stress?