

Persuasive Essay Sample:

Three-Day Weeks

Comment [LM1]: Title should be catchy.

Many students are tired of school. They want school the school day to be shorter. They don't like school. I say we shorten the school week from five to three days. Kids need more time to rest and relieve stress. They also need more time with friends.

Comment [LM2]: Needs a better hook.

Comment [LM3]: Thesis statement should not use "I."
Better: The school week should be shortened...

Comment [LM4]: Only two points, and they are not included in the thesis statement.

Comment [LM5]: This paragraph and the following paragraphs do not contain any research to back them up.

One reason I think we need a shorter school week is the rising stress levels among kids. We currently spend over half our waking lives in school and this leads to stress. Stress can cause illness, and many kids suffer from anxiety-related stomachaches and headaches. These illnesses make it difficult for students to make the most of their class time because they are not feeling well. Stress also leads to fatigue, and tired students cannot concentrate and get work done

Also, a shorter school week would provide more time with family and friends. Good relationships with family and friends build self-esteem and kids need this more than ever. It is becoming more difficult for working parents to spend time with their children. Divorce is another problem. Over half of all children have divorced parents, so they have to split their time between homes. Some kids don't have social success in school, but they make friends through other activities such as sports and drama and church. These friendships are a very positive thing, so time should be made for them.

The opposing view is that kids will not learn enough in three days, and that students will be lonely and bored with so much free time. Also, some students may even get into trouble with so much free time. I strongly disagree with these views. If teachers plan and organize well, they should be able to accomplish in three days what we now do in five days of school. Also, there are other things to be learned outside of school from family, friends and other activities such as sports, music and art. In addition, it is not fair that parents will not make sure their children make good use of time. While some kids may get into trouble, it is not fair to punish everyone for the actions of a few.

A three-day school week would reduce stress and fatigue, and this may even lead to better achievement in school. Also, students will have much needed time with family and friends.

Comment [LM6]: Not a complete restatement of the thesis.

Comment [LM7]: No call to action or other strong statement.