

Worksheet

Persuasive Model Table

Drafting: Step 1 - Craft each part separately (grey squares mean that category does not apply)

Paragraph	Part	Sentences	Appeal	Types of Evidence	Rhetorical Devices
Introduction:	Hook	You can count the apples on a tree but you can't count the trees from one apple. This gypsy proverb lauds the idea of counting your wealth where it will be found in the future rather than living for the day. If we take our Gypsy heritage and this proverb to heart, the issue of what to do with the old library is as clear a summer sky.			
	Thesis	The town should preserve the old library instead of tearing it down because fixing it is less costly than tearing it down, preserving it preserves the town's character, and having a library is a necessity in this town.			
Refutation	#1	<i>The people who want to tear the library down claim that it is structurally unsound and dangerous to people who go there, but in the building inspector's report faulty wiring and inadequate plumbing were cited as the main issues with the building. The foundation is sound. Therefore, repairs to the existing structure are possible and preferable to ripping down the building.</i>	Logos	Fact	
	#2	<i>Furthermore, those opposed to renovating the old library believe that building a new structure could attract new business and provide jobs. Unfortunately, building a fancy building does not guarantee new businesses will come, ¹this not the Field of Dreams. ²What if you build it and they don't come? Then a great deal of money has been lost along with an important part of our town's heritage.</i>	Logos	Analogy Logical reasoning	¹ Metaphor ² Rhetorical Question
	#3	<i>Some of you feel that the old library is ugly and outdated. You find a more modern aesthetic to your liking, but this argument is pointless since it is about personal preference rather than logic. ³One person's eyesore is another man's treasure, hence the proliferation of antique shops. Aesthetic alone is no reason to destroy a landmark and take away an important venue in our town.</i>	Logos	Logical reasoning	³ Paradox
First Support:	Main Idea	If the town spent as much money fixing the library as destroying and building something new there, it could be fully updated and modernized.	Logos		

	Evidence	Tearing down the old library to build something now would not be financially responsible. According to a professional contractor demolition of that building would cost at least \$50,000 and building would cost another \$450,000. In contrast renovating and updating the old building's plumbing, electrical system, and façade would only cost \$250,000. Saving the library could save the town a quarter of a million dollars that they could put toward funding community programs at the library or attracting other businesses and tourism to the town. ⁴ Preservation defeats demolition in the battle for cost effectiveness.		Fact Expert Testimony	⁴ Personification
Second Support:	Main Idea	The library's history and architecture are part of the town's character and charm; they are beautiful and meaningful to many generations living here.			
	Evidence	The old library is an important town landmark. This town has a unique and rich gypsy heritage that is concentrated in the gothic artwork and architecture of the old library, which was once the ⁵ town's heart and soul, its church. No other building carries so much of who we were in the beginning. It would be wrong to strip the town of our Gypsy ancestry. Tearing down our ancestor's church would be an insult and betrayal of all they risked to come here from Romania.	Ethos	Facts	⁵ Personification
Third Support:	Main Idea	If the library is torn down then ⁶ kids in this town will have no place to go to read, study, and gather for cultural events.			⁶ Hyperbole
	Evidence	⁷ Destroying the old library would devastate the children of this town. No library means no books for many of the children who live here. Books are expensive, so only children from well-off families would have the privilege of reading. In turn children who stopped reading would choose other forms of entertainment, like video games and television viewing. According to a study at Princeton, this could have lasting consequences since kids who read demonstrate more creativity and higher IQs. In addition the younger children would be disadvantaged since another study showed how children who go to the library at a young age are more likely to attend college. Finally, demolishing the library would hurt more children than adults in this town because more than 50 % of the patrons are under 18.	Pathos	Case Studies Statistics Logical Reasoning	⁷ Hyperbole
Conclusion:	Thesis Echo	The old library, which is not in such bad shape for its age, reflects the traditions of our ancestors and serves the community today, so it should be renovated rather than torn down.			
	Clincher:	⁸ Preserving the history and tradition of our library ensures the future of our town.			⁸ Juxtaposition