

## Persuasive Essays Curriculum-Based Readers Theatre Script

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1	Welcome to	All	A persuasive essay can debate and
ALL	<i>The Persuasive Auction!</i>		can change government's opinion on
1	Our first item—a persuasive essay!		topics.
2	Two dollars! Two dollars!	16	Is it legal?
1	We have two dollars! Going once,	15	Is a persuasive essay legal?
	going—	20	Go—
3	Five dollars!	All	Of course it's legal!
1	Five dollars, we have five dollars!	16-18	Why would we waste our time
4	I'll give you ten dollars!		writing this if it wasn't?
1	Ten dollars! Ten dollars, people!	16	Okay, I get it!
	Going once, going twice, going three	19	How long does a persuasive essay
	times! SOLD! to the man in the tight		have to be?
	breeches!	20	Up for grabs! Starts at five dollars!
4	[gesture—going crazy!]	All	Ten dollars! Ten dollars! [gesture]
5	What is a persuasive essay? [gesture]	21	Forget you, chums! One million
6	Definition of a persuasive essay up		dollars! [Speak with accent]
	for grabs! Bidding starts at three	20	Sold! To the guy with the funny
	dollars!		accent!
7	Three dollars and fifty cents!	21	Well, I kinda don't really have one
8	Five dollars!		million dollars...
6	Five dollars! Five dollars! Going	22	Big surprise. Anyways...
	once, going twice...	All	A persuasive essay can be any
All	SOLD! [gesture]		length, but it has to be strong!
6	To the woman with the ugly shirt!		[gesture]
	[gesture]	17	What kinds of things do you write
9	So...what is a persuasive essay?		about?
ALL	A persuasive essay is an essay	All	Anything! [gesture]
	written to change people's opinion	18	If you have an opinion on an issue in
	on a certain topic.		the world.
10	Ya know, that persuasive essay is	All	Then you can write a persuasive
	worth at least five dollars and ten		essay to get others to agree with you.
	cents!	13	Wait—I don't get it!
8	Wow! I got a bargain! [gesture]	3	You could write your opinion on
11	What's so great about a persuasive		school uniforms.
	essay?	8	How about lowering taxes?
12	If anyone pays me ten dollars or	9	Or global warming?
	more, YOU can tell me!	2	You can write your opinion on a
ALL	What? [gesture]		HUGE [gesture] range of things!
13	No way! Fifteen dollars!	All	Awesome! [gesture]
12	SOLD! To the man who obviously	1	Thanks for coming to <i>The</i>
	skipped kindergarten!		<i>Persuasive Auction</i> .
13	Wooo! I won! Wait—what did I	6	See you next time when we will
	win?		auction off garage sale leftovers!
14	Ugh! You won the definition of a		
	persuasive essay!		