**Writing a Persuasive Essay**

**This is one model for writing a persuasive essay.**

**Choose an opinion and stick with it! (Focus)  I believe King Tut was murdered. or I do not think King Tut was murdered.**

**Paragraph 1 - State your opinion clearly! - (Focus)  List several (at least 3) reasons why you think King Tut was/wasn't murdered (Organization). You will need material from your readings to back up your reasons.**

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**Paragraph 2 - State your first reason and back it up with material from your readings (Support/Elaboration). Be sure you consult with your group and get material from several sources.**

**Paragraph 3 - State your second reason and back it up with material from your readings (Support/Elaboration). Be sure you consult with your group and get material from several sources.**

**Paragraph 4 - State your third reason and back it up with material from your readings(Support/Elaboration). Be sure you consult with your group and get material from several sources.**

**Paragraph 5 - Sum up your findings here.**

**Suggestions: Be sure to use some sequence words to connect your paragraphs.**