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Persuasive Analysis of, “Saturday School: Pro or Con”

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I believe the essay, “Saturday School: Pro or Con” is a good example of persuasive writing. The issue of Saturday school is specific enough to present the relevant information necessary to make the author’s point. The first paragraph clearly states the author’s position and the reasons that are going to be debated throughout the essay. Each paragraph is organized around a main point and the point is adequately explored. All information in each paragraph is directly related to the topic. The paragraphs are arranged in a logical order which makes the author’s points easy to understand. The last paragraph logically summarizes all the arguments and brings the essay to a logical conclusion.

The essay would have been better, however, if the author would have presented facts or data to support her position. It also would have added credibility to her position if she would have quoted experts in the field of education that support her position. I also don’t feel that the author showed that she objectively considered other points of view before taking her position. This essay might have been convincing if the audience was other students, but not as convincing if the audience was meant to be persons of authority in the schools or parents.