

Focus Trait: Organization

Presenting Reasons and Evidence

Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?
 Writing: Opinion Writing

Good writers can persuade readers by giving the pros and cons of different solutions to a problem. Reasons and evidence must be organized clearly and logically.

Clearly Organized Reasons:

The American colonists felt that their opinions did not matter to the British government. They thought they needed more power within the government. They decided that the American colonies should ask for representation in British government. That way the colonists could better accept the government's decisions about taxes and other matters that affected them.

Read the problem below. Explain why you think it is a problem. Then write one pro and one con for each given solution.

Problem: Students have no variety in what they are able to buy for lunch.

Reason:

Solution: Students vote for a student representative who will help the cafeteria workers decide what to serve for lunch.

Pro:

Con:

Solution: The cafeteria could offer several different types of lunches.

Pro:

Con:

Now write a reasonable solution to the problem.