



Free University



University is an important part of our society. Many people believe that education is a right and should be free. Others suggest that students should pay their way, just like others have in the past. There are many argument points from both sides. What's your opinion? Write a persuasive text explaining your thoughts.

Paid

Tax payer money

Past students

unfair

Pay their way

Free

Education is a right

Less student debt

More educated people

Remember to include:

- An opening paragraph stating your side
- 3 reasons with explanations and examples
- A conclusion summarising your main points
- Strong vocabulary
- Persuasive techniques



Preview





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The idea of free university is controversial. It continues to divide communities around the world. I most certainly believe that university should not be free. Free university is unfair for past students, will cost tax payers billions and promotes a culture of handouts. Others may suggest that education is a right and it should be free. This naïve perspective must be condemned.



Previous students have studied hard, achieved their degrees and paid their way. To suggest university should be free is insulting to anyone who has paid for their education. Working summers, doing overtime, paying student loans are all sacrifices that past students have made. Why should young adults today get a free ride when those in the past have not?

Furthermore, free university will cost tax payers billions of dollars. If tertiary education becomes free, who pays for teachers, buildings, resources and utilities? That's right, it's the tax payer. You think taxes are high right now? Add billions of dollars of free university and you have yourself an economic problem. Save our communities the hassle and let students pay their way.



In addition, it promotes a culture of handouts. The idea that you can get things for free perpetuates the notion that things SHOULD be free. It's like raising a spoilt child and the implications are severe. Now it's free university...In 10 years it's free cars...Then free houses. We must stop this ridiculous idea before the rot sets in.

Free University Vocabulary



Match the vocabulary with the synonyms / definitions.

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Controversial | Opinion that lacks experience |
| 2. Handouts | Education after school – university |
| 3. Naïve perspective | The result of something |
| 4. Condemn | Relating to money |
| 5. Furthermore | Relating to disagreement |
| 6. Tertiary education | To be given something for free |
| 7. Economic | Very bad |
| 8. Perpetuate | To continue forever |
| 9. Implications | In addition |
| 10. Severe | To denounce / criticize |





Free University Checklist



Read the text, complete the checklist and answer the questions.

1. Is there a strong opening paragraph? _____
2. Are there 3 clear reasons? _____
3. Is there a conclusion? _____
4. Does the author use high level vocabulary? _____
5. Does the author use persuasive techniques? _____
6. Is the grammar and punctuation correct? _____
7. Has the author spelled words correctly? _____
8. Are sentences varied in length? _____
9. Did the author convince you? _____
10. Give the author a score out of 10. _____

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Find each of the elements and write them below.

1. Three persuasive techniques

2. Two sentence openers

3. Three reasons

4. Five high level words

5. One hyperbole



The author has used a couple of rhetorical questions to make the reader think. Try to make your own rhetorical questions that relate to free university.

“Why should young adults today get a free ride when those in the past have not?”





Vocabulary



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