

WEEKLY READING

Monday: Read both point of view paragraphs. Summarize the key ideas from each paragraph. What is the topic or event being described?

Tuesday: Reread both paragraphs. Describe each person telling about the topic or event for each point of view. How does he or she feel about the event or the topic of the text? How does this affect how the topic or event is being described?

Wednesday: Reread both paragraphs. What is similar and different about how the information is presented in both texts?

Thursday: Answer the questions about the texts. Use evidence from the texts to support your thinking.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Record your written responses under the correct day.

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

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1. Which text has a negative view of school uniforms? Support your answer with specific evidence from the text.

2. Through what point of view is the first text told? How does this affect how the topic is described?

3. Which words from the following sentence from Text 2 best illustrate that school uniforms are not beneficial to students?

"Students who all dress the same lose any feelings of individuality, causing them to feel like unimportant members of a large group."

4. Which text includes personal opinions and thoughts by the speaker?

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Text 1:

I personally believe that school uniforms should be required by all schools. Elementary, middle, and high school students can be mean and judgmental when it comes to clothing. Many kids spend the day thinking more about their appearance than what they are learning. I know that my friends and I often discuss clothing more than what we are learning in the classroom. When all students dress the same, bullying and teasing will decrease. Students can focus more on academics when they aren't worried about wearing or not wearing the latest fashions. When uniforms are required, school principals and teachers face fewer behavior problems connected to dress code violations. Uniforms can also boost school spirit and pride when worn with honor by all students. I believe that if the idea of school uniforms is presented with the right attitude, all students will be able to see that uniforms are helpful.

Text 2:

School uniforms should not be required by all schools. Children and teens express themselves through the clothing they wear. So many things in children's lives are picked for them, such as what school to go to, what classes to take, what books to read, or even sometimes what sports to play. Kids need the freedom to choose what to wear. Students who all dress the same lose any feelings of uniqueness, causing them to feel like unimportant members of a large group. Some uniforms are uncomfortable. This may cause students to focus on their discomfort instead of classroom lessons. Uniforms can also be more expensive for families who now have to buy different clothes for school, after school, and weekends.