

POW + TREE

Persuasive or Opinion Writing Mnemonic Strategy for SRSD

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■ POW

- ➔ Pick an idea
 - Choose from brainstormed ideas
 - Choose from required topics
 - Choose from topic idea bank
- ➔ Organize my notes
 - Use **TREE** to plan and organize
- ➔ Write and say more
 - Be sure you have all parts in the paper
 - Develop your arguments

■ TREE

- ➔ Topic sentence
 - Tell what you believe
 - Clear and concise statement
- ➔ Reasons – 3 or more
 - Why do I believe this?
 - Will my readers believe this?
 - Simple and to the point
- ➔ Explain reason
 - Say more about each reason
 - Expand upon reasoning
 - Be thorough
- ➔ Ending – Wrap it up right?
 - Conclusion
 - Re-state belief
 - Be firm

■ **Simple Graphic Organizer** – <http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/casl/powtree1.pdf>

■ **Opinion Paper example** - <http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/casl/powtreel1.html>

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Write and say
more **E**xplain reasons – Say more about each
reason

Ending- Wrap it up right!

<http://www.teachingld.org/pdf/alert17writingSSRD.pdf>