

**Activity:** *Taking a Stand (Persuasive Writing)*

Ask students to write a paragraph in which they argue a position on the weekly topic.

1. Put the writing prompt below on the overhead projector (or the board) so that everyone can see it. Remind students to refer to the word lists in their Word Generation notebooks as needed.
2. Ask students to write an original paragraph in response to the weekly writing prompt on a piece of loose-leaf paper labeled with their name, their teacher, and the date.
3. Collect student writing in a folder to be picked up by the lead teacher.

*Writing Prompt:*

## Who is responsible for children's health?

*Support your position with clear reasons and specific examples. Try to use relevant words from the Word Generation list in your response.*

### Source References:

- » [www.mayoclinic.com/health/childhood\\_obesity/D500698](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/childhood_obesity/D500698)
- » [www.nih.gov.WordonHealth/jun2002/childhoodobesity.htm](http://www.nih.gov.WordonHealth/jun2002/childhoodobesity.htm)
- » [http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/125169/schools\\_fight\\_childhood\\_obesity\\_with.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/125169/schools_fight_childhood_obesity_with.html)
- » [http://www.boston.com/yourlife/health/fitness/articles/2006/02/15/a\\_sweet\\_tooth\\_is\\_tough\\_to\\_pull/](http://www.boston.com/yourlife/health/fitness/articles/2006/02/15/a_sweet_tooth_is_tough_to_pull/)
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Passage Information  
Lexile: 940  
Word Count: 244