

SAGE Sample Writing Task
Grade 6: Argument Essay

Prompt:

This is a claim made by a solar panel company:

“Using solar panels for heating can save home owners money.”

Based on the readings, write an essay that supports this claim OR an opposing claim. Be sure to include evidence from the articles to support your claim.

Text Set:

- Article with information about the cost of installing solar panels
- Information and illustrations about the amount of energy generated by solar panels on houses with full sun to shaded exposures
- Report on the amount of energy homeowners have to buy to supplement solar energy provided by panels
- Personal anecdote from a consumer who has purchased and uses solar panels for heating