Meeting Individual Needs

Accordion Books

Provide poster paper for students to use to make accordion books. Show students how to fold their books vertically to make six pages. Have each student write a topic sentence expressing an opinion on the first page. Tell students to write one supporting reason for the opinion on each of the next four pages. Encourage them to visualize how the supporting reasons “hold up” the topic sentence. Remind students that supporting reasons should be strong, clear, and tied to the topic. Guide students in writing a conclusion on the last page.

Puppies make great pets. Puppies are too much trouble.
Puppies are fun to play with. Puppies cost money (food, vet care).
Puppies make you laugh. Puppies have to be walked every day.

Challenge

Have each student choose a topic about which members of the class may have differing opinions. Two possible topics are getting a puppy and moving to a new home. Have each student write two differing opinions about his or her topic and at least two reasons to support each opinion.