### Section 1:

## #1 Strengths:

- Your opening effectively uses a relatable scenario to engage readers
- You establish a clear stance against homework

Weaknesses: Missing argument development  $\rightarrow$  Your initial argument about stress and concentration lacks supporting details. Your opening relies heavily on rhetorical questions without fully developing the connection between homework and concentration issues. "If homework is banned, then students won't be so stressed" needs more depth to show how this would actually work.

Instead of just stating students will concentrate more, you could write: "Without the burden of late-night homework, students would arrive at school well-rested and mentally prepared to engage with their lessons, leading to better focus during class discussions and activities."

## #2 Strengths:

- Your point about sleep deprivation is relevant
- You make a logical connection between homework and tiredness

Weaknesses: Circular reasoning  $\rightarrow$  You repeat the same point about concentration without adding new evidence or examples. The phrase "Therefore, homework should definitely be banned because it can improve students ability to concentrate" simply restates your opening without building a stronger case.

Your argument would be stronger if written as: "When students complete homework late at night, they often get less than eight hours of sleep, leaving them exhausted and struggling to stay awake during morning lessons."

# #3 Strengths:

- You consider multiple perspectives including teachers' workload
- You address practical implications

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped solution  $\rightarrow$  Your conclusion about reducing stress lacks specific details about how this would work in practice. The statement "it can lift a lot of stress off of the students and teachers" needs more concrete examples of alternative approaches.

Consider revising to: "Teachers could use classroom time more effectively for interactive learning activities rather than spending evenings marking countless homework assignments."

■ Your persuasive piece shows promise in identifying important issues around homework, but needs stronger development of your main arguments. You make good points about student stress and concentration, but these could be more convincing with specific examples. Try focusing on one paragraph per main point - perhaps sleep deprivation, mental wellbeing, and teacher workload. Each paragraph should fully explore that single idea rather than jumping between different points. Also, consider adding a counterargument to show you've thought about the other side of the debate. You could mention how some might worry about practice time, then explain why your solution is still better. Your conclusion could be stronger by clearly restating your main points and ending with a call to action.

#### Section 2:

#1 Imagine, after a restless night you have to wake up early. You barely got through the school day and now you just want to relax at home. Except no, you still have homework to do. Wouldn't you rather have fun and do something to get your body moving? If homework is banned, then students won't be so stressed trying to fit it into their schedule and students will be able to eoneentrate more. [By banning homework, students would have time for physical activities and relaxation, leading to reduced stress levels and improved concentration in class.]

#2 It is imperative that homework should be banned because if students don't have to stay up late at night, doing their homework when they could be getting lots of rest then a lot of problems could be solved. [Banning homework would solve many problems, particularly the issue of students staying up late to complete assignments instead of getting proper rest.] Many people say that pushing school times later would improve a lot of things, whereas if homework is banned then schools wouldn't have to have later start times, they could just not have homework. Students spend most of their afternoon doing homework, which can keep them up late and then they will be so tired and won't be able to concentrate the next day. [Students currently spend their afternoons struggling with homework, often staying up late and becoming too exhausted to focus properly the following day.] Therefore, homework should definitely be banned because it can improve students' ability to concentrate during the school day.

#3 I strongly believe that another reason why homework should be banned is that homework can cause a lot of stress for the students and the teachers. Students have to find ways to do their

homework while having other activities, which can cause them to forget and then get into a lot of trouble. It would also make things easier for the teachers if homework was banned because teachers spend a lot of their time marking homework which can take up a lot of time because they're [they are] not just marking one person's work, there [they are] marking around 20 or more!

In conclusion, homework should be banned because students will be able to concentrate more, and it can lift a lot of stress off of the students and teachers.