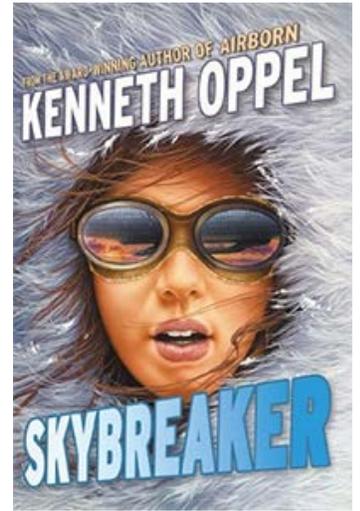


Persuasive Composition Activity: Choose a Girlfriend for Matt

15 marks

Since early in the first book, *Airborn*, we have been following the complicated relationship between Matt and Kate. Now in *Skybreaker*, we see a new interest for his attention, Nadira. Matt finds himself attracted to both, and with good reasons. Matt is confused and torn by his mixed emotions. **Your task** is to help Matt choose.



1. Write in a letter format using a template in Word.(sample below). Imagine you are Matt's friend and you want to give him good advice. Compose the document as if sending a letter to him.
2. Create the one page, multi-paragraph, letter advising Matt which of the young women is best suited to him. You can choose how to structure the outline and paragraphs but it is important to list at least two reasons for your choice. Consider our class motto, **Have an Opinion, Have a Clue**. Express how you *feel* and then support your position with a *reason*. It could be a specific attribute of one person or some basic understanding you have of relationships.
 - a. For support, think of personal experiences, books read and movies or television programs viewed where a character must choose
3. Draft first. Edit it for improvements. As always, the final copy may be in pen or created on a computer.
 - a. Double space, edit for grammar, use rich vocabulary and be clear

A copy of the assignment is on the website

Table for point form ideas

Personal Qualities		Reasons to Choose	
Kate	Nadira	Kate	Nadira

Casual Letter Format (use any appropriate template in Word)

Your name

[Street Address]

Saskatoon, SK X#X #X#

[Date]

Dear Matt:

Intro paragraph - reason(s) for writing

Paragraph 2 - persuasive argument #1 (and 2ff if using a single paragraph)

Paragraph 3 - if separating arguments

Concluding paragraph

Sincerely / affectionately / with love / take care / etc. / etc.

Your name