

## Convincing Evidence Tracking Sheet

Now that you have had the chance to evaluate two persuasive letters, it is your turn to begin collecting convincing evidence for the persuasive piece you will write. Use this handout to begin organizing the convincing evidence that you find while you are researching. In the first column, write the evidence you plan to include in your persuasive piece. Be accurate with numbers and names. In the second column, select the type of evidence you are collecting. Tracking the types of evidence used will ensure your piece is interesting to readers. In the last column, include the title, author, and page number of your source. If the source is a website, use [www.bit.ly](http://www.bit.ly) to shorten the address.

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## Tasks for Reflection

Now that you have finished collecting a set of convincing statistics, star statements, and stories, spend a few minutes completing the following reflective tasks:

1. **Rank your evidence** in order from the most convincing to the least convincing. Explain your thinking.
  
2. **Generate a list of evidence** that you would still love to find. What statistics, star statements, or stories would make your persuasive piece even more convincing?
  
3. **Rank your list of sources** in order from the most valuable to the least valuable. Which sources should you return to first if you need to find more convincing evidence to add to your persuasive piece? Why?
  
4. **Have a peer or a partner check your ranked lists.** Does he or she agree with you? Why, or why not?