Persuasive writing checklist

**Goal or thesis statement**
Start by writing a goal or thesis statement that describes your viewpoint on taking action to combat firearms trafficking and violence associated with firearms.

- Ask yourself what is the point that you are trying to argue?
- Use information from the firearms trafficking video and the Firearm deaths in OECD countries chart to help form your goal or thesis statement
- Compose a persuasive essay arguing your point of view

**Supporting evidence**
To be persuasive you need evidence to support your goal or thesis.

Identify three main reasons that would convince someone that your goal or thesis about taking action to combat firearms trafficking and violence associated with firearms is valid:

- Reason 1
- Reason 2
- Reason 3

**Facts or examples**
To further strengthen your reasoning, provide facts or examples to validate your goal or thesis:

- Fact or example 1
- Fact or example 2
- Fact or example 3

**Conclusion**
End your persuasive essay by summarizing the most important details of your argument, stating what the reader should believe and/or do.