What is an **Opinion Essay**?

tell how you _____ about a topic and give _____.

Examples

What is an **Opinion Essay**?

tell how you **FEEL** about a topic and give **REASONS**.

Examples

a letter to the librarian asking for for magazines in the library

an essay about the reasons people should carpool to work

a book review that encourages people to read a specific book

Coming up with good Opinion essay ideas

Favorites

I want...

Taking a Stand

Coming up with good Opinion essay ideas

Favorites

- Book: The One and Only Ivan
- Movie: Beauty and the Beast
- Teacher: Mrs. Sears
- Place to Vacation: California

I want...

- to take my students on a fieldtrip
- a puppy
- a house cleaner
- to go to the beach

Taking a Stand

- People shouldn't use disposable water bottles.
- High school students should be required to volunteer.
- Our school library should have a larger selection of books.
- Adopt a pet from a kennel instead of breeding.

Writing a STRONG OPINION

WEAK OPINION	STRONG OPINION
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You should practice your math facts.	
The World According to Humphrey is a good book.	

Writing a STRONG OPINION

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It's fun for kids to have pets.	Every child needs a pet!
You should practice your math facts.	If you want to become a better mathematician, you must practice your math facts every single day.
The World According to Humphrey is a good book.	The World According to Humphrey is the greatest book ever and a must read book for every third grader!

Supporting your opinion with **Reasons & Examples**

Opinion:

1		
2	reason #1	examples .
3	reason #2	examples
4	reason #3	examples
5		

Supporting your opinion with REASONS & EXAMPLES

OPINION: The school cafeteria needs to serve Chipotle for lunch.

1		
2	reason #1 Chipotle has healthy options that will give teachers and students energy.	examples
3	reason #2 Our cafeteria needs more variety.	examples
4	reason #3 Having Chipotle as an option will make lunches easier for parents.	examples
5		

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2	reason #1 Chipotle has healthy options that will give teachers and students energy.	examples You can get grilled chicken, fresh vegetables and brown rice.
3	reason #2 Our cafeteria needs more variety.	examples The cafeteria currently serves pizza, grilled cheese and spaghetti every single week. Chipotle has lots of options. They have chicken and beef. They have tacos, quesadillas, burritos and bowls.
4	reason #3 Having Chipotle as an option will make lunches easier for parents.	examples More students will choose to eat the school lunch. Parents will not have to worry about buying lunch items at the grocery store, packing lunches or delivering forgotten lunch.
5		

Lead & Introduction

Lead

Hook readers with something interesting.

story
fact
question
Sound
quote

Opinion

You need a strong and clear opinion statement.

We need...
Students must...
Everyone should...
We have to...

No Reasons

Save them for the body of your essay! If you give too much of your argument away in the introduction, they have no reason to keep reading.

Consider your **Audience**

Who are you writing to?
Who are you trying to convince?

Opinion	Audience: Adult	Audience: Friend
I need to start earning an allowance.		
Our class needs to take a fieldtrip to the zoo.		

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I need to start earning an allowance.	I can use the money to buy books. Earning an allowance will help me to learn to be responsible with money.	I could buy video games. I could go out for ice cream.
Our class needs to take a fieldtrip to the zoo.	We can learn more about animals. The break will make us more refreshed and ready to work hard.	We won't have to do schoolwork. We can talk the entire time on the bus.

OPPOSING OPINION

WHO WOULD DISAGREE WITH YOUR OPINION? WHY? HOW CAN YOU ARGUE THAT THEY ARE WRONG?

OPINION	OPPOSING OPINION	REASON
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Our family desperately needs a vacation to the beach.		

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Our cafeteria needs to serve Chipotle for lunch.	Chipotle is a fast food and not healthy for kids.	Some people argue that Chipotle is just fast food and not healthy. However, Chipotle uses fresh ingredients to make their food healthier than other fast food restaurants.
Our family desperately needs a vacation to the beach.	Vacations are too expensive.	I can hear you saying, "A vacation is too expensive!" Well it doesn't have to be! We can bring our own food so that we don't have to eat out. Plus, playing at the beach is free!

Topic & Concluding Sentences

Paragraphs start with a topic sentence and end with a concluding sentence!

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Chipotle has variety.	Unlike our cafeteria, Chipotle has tons of options!	As you can see, serving Chipotle in our cafeteria would give students and teachers more choice for lunch.
Chipotle is a healthy. Lunch choice.	It is important for students and teachers to have a healthy lunch to keep their energy level high.	Clearly, Chipotle has the healthy options that students and teachers need for lunch.

WORD CHOICE

Make your words interesting!

The book was good.	Having a dog would be fun.	A computer would help me do better in school.

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exciting suspenseful hilarious a page-turner a must read	enjoyable entertaining	succeed grow learn

TRANSITIONS

SENTENCE STARTERS

REASONS

EXAMPLES

CONCLUDING

TRANSITIONS

SENTENCE STARTERS

In my opinion, I think, I feel, I believe

REASONS

First, To start, To begin with, Next, Another reason, Most importantly, Finally, One last reason

EXAMPLES

For example, For instance, Additionally, In fact

CONCLUDING

In conclusion, As you can see, To sum it up, To summarize

CONCLUSION

Every opinion essay conclusion needs these things!

TRANSITIONS	CALL TO ACTION	RESTATE THE OPINION

CONCLUSION

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TRANSITIONS

so
in conclusion
in addition

CALL TO ACTION

go talk to your principal today

RESTATE THE OPINION

School uniforms are the answer!