What is an **Opinion Essay**?

tell how you _____ about a topic and give _____.

Examples

Coming up with good ESSAY IDEAS

Favorites

Wants

Taking a Stand

opinion essay
WRITING GOALS

I am becoming a better writer!

goal 1:

goal 2:

goal 3:

STRONG OPINION

Make sure that readers know exactly how you feel!

WEAK OPINION	STRONG OPINION
It's fun for kids to have pets.	
You should practice your math facts.	
The World According to Humphrey is a good book.	

Reasons and Examples

Opinion:

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

Lead and Introduction

Lead	Opinion	No Reasons

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.		

OPPOSING OPINION

Who would disagree with your opinion? Why? How can you argue that they are wrong?

Opinion	Opposing Opinion	Reason
Our cafeteria needs to serve Chipotle for lunch.		
Our family desperately needs a vacation to the beach.		

Topic & Concluding sentences

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

Paragraph Topic	Topic Sentence	Concluding Sentence

WORD CHOICE

Make your words interesting!

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

TRANSITIONS

SENTENCE STARTERS

REASONS

EXAMPLES

CONCLUDING

CONCLUSION

End strong!

transitions

call to action

restate the opinion

EDITING
CHECKLIST

I am making my writing look better!

- o I read my entire piece to make sure that words are not missing.
- o I checked the spelling in my piece. When I am not sure how to spell a word, I have used my resources.
- o I made sure that every sentence is capitalized.
- o I made sure that proper nouns are capitalized.
- o I made sure that every sentence is properly punctuated.
- o I made sure that dialogue is properly punctuated.

Spelling Dictionary

A about again another asked	B because before birthday	C clearly	D dinner
E every exclaimed	F family friend	G grandma grandpa	H hear hear house huge
I interesting	J	K knew know	L large little
M many money	N	O obviously	P people pretty
Q question	R reason receive replied	S said school	T their there things thought
U until	V vacation very	W were when where when	X, Y, Z

Spelling Dictionary

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X, Y, Z