

# Opinion Essay

## Introduction Paragraph

- Opening Sentence- Start your paper with a general statement about your topic that catches the reader's attention, a scenario, a quotation about the topic, fascinating fact, definition, analogy, the position opposing one you will take, or a problem situation.
- Context- Give the reader the background information of the essay topic.
- Statement- Clearly state your opinion on the topic and refer to the reasons for your opinion (that you will support with evidence in your body paragraphs).

### Some Transitions to Use in the Essay

- Although some people think..., others feel
- While some agree that..., others believe
- The main reason
- Furthermore,
- On the other hand,
- In addition,

## Main Idea Paragraph

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- M- YOUR DETAIL/COMMENT/EXPLANATION of your reason
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- M- Statement commenting more on the text support/ explaining how it is important/ why it proves your point (*Think about why you chose to include it. How does the piece of evidence support you?!*)
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## Conclusion

- Start with a small transition. This lets the reader know that you're ending your essay, and that they need to pay attention. Refer back to the purpose of your essay. (In conclusion, Finally)
- Briefly summarize some the main points. Try taking the first sentences of each main idea paragraph and rewriting their main points in two or three sentences.
- Your closing sentence is your last chance to impact the reader; it is your "clincher"(Ask yourself "What is my essay about, and what am I saying?"; demonstrate the importance of your ideas)

MI- Main Idea

M- Me (Your Own Words)

A- Author (Author's Words)