

Opinion Essay Template

Please **use this opinion essay template** to help you organize your ideas and clarify your position. **You will submit this template, along with your good copy**, on the essay due date. Feel free to fill in the body paragraph content first and refine your introduction towards the end of the process.

Introductory Paragraph:

First Sentence:	<p>Write a 1-2 sentence “hook” to capture your reader’s attention and make them want to read further. The most effective “hooks” will introduce your topic and make a brief statement or provide a brief example to suggest why the reader should care about this topic.</p> <p>Start writing here ➡➡</p>
Second Sentence:	<p>Identify 3 key ideas that you will be examining in your paper. You may wish to introduce these with vocabulary such as: “First,” “Second,” and “Finally.” Alternatively, you can get more creative in this regard. Just be sure that you clearly identify these 3 key ideas.</p> <p>Start writing here ➡➡</p>
Thesis Statement:	<p>Identify your central argument, or thesis. This is your position on the essay topic that you will defend for the duration of your paper. Remember, we don’t want fence sitters here! For most topics, you can argue both pro and con sides. However, when it comes to your essay, you need to firmly establish your support of ONE of these sides.</p> <p>Start writing here ➡➡</p>

Body Paragraph # 1 Argue for

Topic Sentence:	Develop the topic area mentioned in your thesis.
Point:	<p>Make a specific argument (ie. state your key point)</p> <p>Start writing here ➡➡</p>
Proof (Quran/Hadith)	<p>Introduce a specific example that supports your argument. Be sure to incorporate specific details to enhance this example. You may draw from your own experiences, or examples from books, videos, lectures or TV.</p> <p>Start writing here ➡➡</p>
Comment:	<p>Answer: How does your proof support your topic sentence?</p> <p>Start writing here ➡➡</p>
Conclusion/ Transition:	<p>Refer back to central argument OR Build a bridge to the topic of your next paragraph</p> <p>Start writing here ➡➡</p>

Body Paragraph # 2 Argue against

Topic Sentence:	Develop the topic area mentioned in your thesis.
Point:	Make a specific argument (ie. state your key point) Start writing here ➡➡
Proof: (Quran/Hadith)	Introduce a specific example that supports your argument. Be sure to incorporate specific details to enhance this example. You may draw from your own experiences, or examples from books, videos, lectures or TV. Start writing here ➡➡
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Concluding Paragraph: (state your opinion)

First Sentence:	Rephrase your central argument
Second Sentence:	Elaborate on your three key points
Third Sentence:	Comment on why this topic is significant to you personally
Fourth Sentence:	Comment on why this topic is significant to society as a whole