

Dear GFL students,

After reviewing your essays, I think these articles need to be written in an **opinion essay** format. The outline of an opinion essay is based on personal experience, observations, and/or informational conversations, in your case, teachers or students.

Title of the essay  
Author

## **Introduction**

**An opening or hook**

**Main idea**

Through my personal experiences, interactions with people, and \_\_\_\_\_, it is clear or evident that  
Or Through my \_\_\_\_\_, I would like to share or advice or \_\_\_\_\_.

Explain the main idea (sentence formed by key points, from which you tell the reader what this opinion essay is all about. Why does the audience need to read your essay?).

**Body Paragraph 1:** first point or sub-topic or issue. Write the **topical sentence**.

For **evidence/supporting details**, start the sentence with..

"From my own experience, I \_\_\_\_\_ . or Based on my conversation with \_\_\_\_\_ or I observed that \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of advice to raising 6th graders.

**Body Para 2:** second point (use the above scaffold)

**Body Para 3** (you decide the number of body paras you need for your essay)

### **Conclusion**

Write a statement summarizing the points in the body paragraphs. You can summarize or rephrase your main idea by writing, "based on my personal experiences, interactions with it are clear or evident that \_\_\_\_\_. I think or believe that learning or following these strategies or methods or tips outlined above \_\_\_\_\_ . Think about how to persuade your audience (6th graders) so that they will be excited and follow your advice.

References:

You do not need a reference for an opinion essay. However, if you take a quote from another article, you need to write a reference. See the Bibliography

Hope it helps. Best wishes for your writing.

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