

# Opinion Writing

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## **Opinion Writing**

Is trying to **convince**  
All of the people  
In your **audience**.

And if you think  
Your **opinions** are strong  
Your audience may feel  
You are right or you're wrong.

So imagine the people  
Who thought they knew  
That convincing their audience  
Was easy to do.

Now presidents will attempt  
To deliver a speech  
While authors and editors  
Will write and preach.

Plus there are people  
Who want to sell  
And selling their products  
They do it quite well.

In many newspapers  
Magazines and TV  
There are advertisements  
That want you to believe.

So now's the time  
To hear your view  
So **choose a topic**  
That's thrilling to you.

Then begin to think  
Of the **pros** and **cons**  
Of your chosen topic  
You decided to write on.

And please make sure  
Your **arguments** are **facts**  
Since your readers may question  
As they're on the attack.

First start the **intro**  
With an **interesting lead**  
Because your readers' attention  
Is what you will need.

How about a **question**  
**Description** or **quote**?  
If you're not sure what to choose  
They all have my vote.

Next you will write  
Your **point of view**  
Or your **thesis statement**  
Either one you can use.

Then write **three arguments**  
To take a stand  
And tell how you feel  
The best way that you can.

Finish the intro  
**By rephrasing your view**  
And saying it differently  
Is what you should do.

Now comes the **body**  
**Paragraphs two, three, and four**  
**Restate each argument**  
Before you write more.

Plus for every argument  
Make sure you write  
**Supporting details**  
To defend your fight.

And at the end of each paragraph  
Make sure you check  
**That each ending sentence**  
**Transitions to the next.**

Writing the **conclusion**  
Is what you'll do last  
"Will you sum it up?"  
Is what your teacher will ask.

**Repeat your thesis**  
And your **arguments** too  
But **rephrase what you said**  
And then you continue.

To finish your essay  
Here's what you will need  
**Connect a strong sentence**  
**Back to your interesting lead.**

So was **Opinion Writing**  
Difficult to learn?  
And if you're feeling this way  
Are you concerned?

Try not to worry  
Just do your best  
Plus continue to practice  
At your teacher's request!