

Opinion Writing

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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!