

# Opinion Essays

## Требования к сочинению “Opinion Essay”

### 1-й абзац Постановка проблемы и своя точка зрения

To my mind, ...in my opinion, ...in my view, ...

I support this view for a variety of reasons.

I think (consider, believe, suppose...)

It seems to me...

### 2-й абзац 2 аргумента, подтверждающие свое мнение

My opinion finds a wide support.

A lot of people think the same way I do.

Here are some arguments which support my point of view.

Аргументы соединяются словами-связками.

Расположение аргументов

– In the first place, ... First(ly), ... First of all, ... To begin with, ...

– Secondly, ... The last but not the least, .... Finally, ...

– Добавление аргументов по той же самой теме

– Besides... Apart from this... In addition to this... Moreover... Furthermore... What is more...

### 3-й абзац Аргументация противоположного мнения и возражение этой аргументации.

1 аргумент противоположного мнения (других людей)

However, some people think differently. Some people don't agree with me.... There is an opinion which is different from mine...

Opponents of this view say... There are people who oppose... Contrary to what most believe... People argue that ... It is argued that ... (Излагается их точка зрения)

1 аргумент, подтверждающий свое мнение

I am absolutely sure that they are wrong, because....

### 4-й абзац Заключение (вы подтверждаете свое мнение, используя разные слова)

– To sum up, ... All in all... In conclusion..., I would like to underline, that in my opinion... because

All in all, I still feel that the benefits of ... outweigh the disadvantages.

## Подсчёт количества слов

- Пересчитываются все слова, начиная с первого слова по последнего, включая вспомогательные глаголы, предлоги, артикли, частицы.

## При этом:

- стяженные (краткие) формы can't, didn't, isn't, I'm и т. и. считаются как одно слово;
- числительные, выраженные цифрами, например 1; 25; 2009, 126204 и т. п., считаются как одно слово;
- числительные, выраженные словами, считаются как слова;
- сложные слова, такие как good-looking, well-bred, English-speaking, twenty-five, считаются как одно слово;
- сокращения, например USA, e-mail, TV, CD-rom, считаются как одно слово.

## Графическое деление текста на абзацы

### Возможны три варианта:

- используем «красную строку», отступая от края страницы (полей) на несколько знаков в начале каждого абзаца;
- не используем «красную строку», не отступаем от края страницы (полей) на несколько знаков в начале каждого абзаца, левый край текста ровный, но при этом пропускаем между абзацами «лишнюю строку», делаем больший пробел между последней строкой предшествующего абзаца и первой строкой последующего абзаца;
- одновременно используем «красную строку» и делаем больший пробел между последней строкой предшествующего абзаца и первой строкой последующего абзаца.

**Opinion essays** require your clear opinion on a topic, supported by reasons & examples.

They should contain:

1. **An introduction** → stating the topic & your opinion .
2. **A main body** → several paragraphs.
3. **Each paragraph** presents a topic sentence, a separate view point supported by reasons/examples & including a paragraph presenting the opposing view.
4. **Conclusion** → restating your opinion in other words.

# Points to consider:

1. Decide on your opinion before you start writing. ( **Agree or disagree** ). This will affect the structure of your essay.
2. Use present tenses & **formal style**
3. **Don't use** colloquial expressions, short forms & personal examples.
4. **Include** phrases to express your opinion, linking words, interesting techniques to begin & end your essay. **Ex: a quotation, a rhetorical question.**

## To express opinion:

- In my opinion/view
- It seems to me that
- The way I see it
- To my mind
- I am totally against
- I (strongly/ completely)  
**agree/disagree/believe** that

## To list points:

- First of all
- In the first place
- Firstly/Secondly
- To start with
- To begin with

# To add more points:

- Also
- Moreover
- Furthermore
- In addition
- Besides
- Apart from this
- Another major reason

## To include contrasting viewpoints:

- On the other hand
- However
- It is argued that
- Opponents of this view say

# To introduce examples

- For example
- For instance
- such as
- in particular
- especially

# To conclude:

- To sum up
- In conclusion
- All in all
- All things considered
- Taking everything into account

## Comment on the following:

‘Standards of education today are lower than in the past’

1. A great deal has changed since our grandparents were at school. **Firstly**, teachers, who have a great effect on standards, are better trained than in the past. **Secondly**, schools have more money and better equipment. **There is no doubt** that standards of education have risen.

## Paragraph 2

Being more understanding, teachers are able to help students more today. They are less strict, which means that students enjoy their education more and so learn more. **In addition**, teachers have more qualifications and are better educated than in the past.

## Paragraph 3

Not only are teachers better educated, but they **also** work in better schools. Schools, generally, are managed better and have more money to spend on things **such as** books and computers. Some are able to provide music lessons and drama lessons. If schools offer students more opportunities to learn, it raises standards.

## Paragraph 4 Summary

**In summary,** there is no truth in the claim that standards of education are lower than in the past.

Teachers and schools have both improved, which means that students today receive a better education than their grandparents did.

Write your opinion essay about the following topic:

**“ Some people believe that visitors to other countries should follow local customs and behaviour.”**

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience.

*Write at least 250 words.*

**Thank you for your attention!**

**I wish you good luck!!!**