

Opinion Essays

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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!!!