

Opinion Writing

TOPIC

NEGATIVE

POSITIVE

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A negative opinion paragraph explains what you don't like and why.

Sample negative topics could be:
The ugliest, the worst, the least favorite, the smelliest, the nastiest, the lamest, etc.

POSITIVE

A positive opinion paragraph explains what you do like and why.

Sample positive topics could be:
The prettiest, the best, the most favorite, the coolest, etc.

Sample Topic Sentences for Opinion Paragraphs

1. There are many reasons why I _____ that (topic) is the _____.
2. Not many things in the world are as _____ as (topic).
3. Do you know what the _____ (topic) is?

Sample Closing Sentences for Opinion Paragraphs

1. Those are many of the reasons why I _____ that (topic) is the _____.
2. It's easy to see that (topic) is the _____ in the world.
3. Can you see now how _____ (topic) is?

Common Questions

What is opinion writing?

Opinion writing is simply the recording of how you feel about a given topic.

Why do we write our opinions?

We write our opinions to help other people understand why we feel the way we do about things

Opinion Writing Body Sentences

Writing opinion paragraphs is just like writing informative paragraphs. With opinion paragraphs however, you are teaching people why you feel a certain way about something. You will still need topic and closing sentences, as well as **evidence from text** and **elaborations**.

Evidence

There are two different types of details: Feelings and Research

A: Feelings	B: Text
A specific fact or detail about a topic that you have positive or negative feelings towards. <i>We do not use these in 3rd Grade.</i>	A specific fact or detail that you have found from an outside source or text that supports your feelings about the topic.

Sample Evidence Sentence Frames:

1. One reason why I think that (topic) is _____ is ____ (detail)_____.
2. Another reason why I believe that (topic) is _____ is ____ (detail)_____.

Elaboration

There are three different types of elaboration:

A: Examples	B: Descriptions	C: Reasons Why
Giving your reader an example of what you are describing in <u>your detail sentence</u> .	Giving your reader extra information that helps them understand <u>your detail sentence</u> .	Giving your reader the reason why do agree or disagree with the <u>detail sentence you chose</u> .
Frame For example, _____	Frame This means that _____	Frame I (agree/disagree) with this because _____
For example, Hurricane Irma caused a lot of damage to coastal cities.	This means that if you watch too much TV you might end up needing glasses.	I agree with this because healthy foods can help you stay focused and full for the rest of the school day.