

## How to Write an Opinion Essay

<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State a fact – <b>use the perfect tenses</b></li> <li>2. Introduce your topic</li> <li>3. State your opinion</li> </ol>	<p>It is common knowledge that Israeli teenagers, <u>who</u> by nature are very social, <u>have always enjoyed</u> staying out late and returning home long after midnight. Last week, a law was enacted stating that students have to be in their homes by 10:00 pm on weekdays and 12:00 am on weekends in order to protect them from danger and improve their studies. <b>Despite the fact</b> that this is a controversial law, <u>which</u> is likely to <i>incite</i> opposition, I am in complete support of it.</p>
<p><b>Supporting Paragraph #1</b></p> <p><b>Topic</b> → Protection from Danger</p> <p>- <b>First sentence should include a gerund.</b></p>	<p><b>First</b>, staying out late can be very dangerous. This new curfew law will likely <i>shield</i> students from potential harm. Most violence occurs late at night, as many attacks and robberies are committed <u>when</u> the perpetrator can hide in the dark. <b>Furthermore</b>, at night, there is less parental supervision and more people on the streets participating in risk-taking behaviors, <b>such as</b> drinking and drugs. This law will keep teenagers out of harm's way and safe in their parents' homes.</p>
<p><b>Supporting Paragraph #2</b></p> <p><b>Topic</b> → Improvement of Studies</p> <p>- <b>First sentence should include the 2<sup>nd</sup> conditional.</b></p>	<p><b>Secondly</b>, if this new law were enacted, it would help students improve their study habits. We know that students <u>who</u> are out at night are not home studying or resting. <b>For example</b>, a student may feel <i>immense</i> pressure to go out with his or her friends at night in place of preparing for a math exam. This law will remove some of the <i>typical</i> peer pressure and temptation associated with teenage life. <b>Moreover</b>, students will be able to go to sleep at a decent hour and feel refreshed for class the next day. <b>As such</b>, the law could improve <i>punctuality</i> and reduce <i>truancy</i>.</p>
<p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Restate your strongest argument</li> <li>2. Restate your opinion</li> </ol>	<p><b>In conclusion</b>, society has a responsibility to look out for the best interest of teenagers. While the new curfew law is sure to result in <i>indignation</i> amongst many teens, the benefits clearly outweigh any possible negative effects. That is why I am in in favor of the new curfew law.</p>

## Things To Remember

1. **Separate Your Paragraphs.**  
Remember to skip a line between each paragraph in order to keep your essay organized, neat and easy to read. Don't start a new line for each new sentence!
2. **Remember to state your opinion in the opening paragraph.** → The most important part of an opinion composition is YOUR OPINION.
3. **Don't Repeat Your Argument & Provide Examples** → Make sure that each of your arguments is distinct and different from the others. Points which are very similar to each other should be grouped together as one argument. In addition, you must provide examples to support your arguments.
4. **Use CONNECTORS, Varied Vocabulary & Band 3 Words!!!!** The second, third and fourth paragraphs should each start with a connector. You should use additional connectors throughout the essay as well.