

How to Write an Opinion Essay

Introduction	<p>It is common knowledge that teenagers <u>have always enjoyed</u> staying out late and returning home at the break of dawn. 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. Although this law is controversial and likely to <i>incite</i> opposition, I am in complete support of it.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State a fact – use the perfect tenses 2. Introduce your topic 3. State your opinion 	
Supporting Paragraph #1	<p>First, <u>staying out late can be very dangerous</u>. 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 when the perpetrator can hide in the dark. Furthermore, at night, there is less parental supervision and more people on the streets participating in risk-taking behaviors, such as drinking and drugs. This law will keep teenagers out of harm's way and safe in their parents' homes.</p>
<p>Topic → Protection from Danger</p> <p>- First sentence should include a gerund.</p>	
Supporting Paragraph #2	<p>Secondly, <u>if this new law were enacted, it would help students improve their study habits</u>. We know that students who are out at night are not home studying or resting. For example, 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. Moreover, students will be able to go to sleep at a decent hour, and will feel refreshed for class the next day. As such, the law could improve <i>punctuality</i> and reduce <i>truancy</i>.</p>
<p>Topic → Improvement of Studies</p> <p>- First sentence should include the 2nd conditional.</p>	
Conclusion	<p>In conclusion, 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 favor of the new curfew law.</p>
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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.
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!!!!**
The second, third and fourth paragraphs should each start with a connector. You should use additional connectors throughout the essay as well.