

Opinion Writing Reference Sheet



Focusing

- Read the prompt.
- Think about what the prompt is asking you to do.
- Read the provided text.
- Think about key issues in the text that will help you fulfill the purpose of writing your opinion.

Pre-writing

- Think about the task and purpose for writing.
- Think of your opinion statement and supporting facts and details.
- Remember to use the text to support your opinion.
- Use a pre-writing technique (brainstorming, webbing, drawing, outlining) to plan how you will organize your ideas for the introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion of your essay.

Drafting

- Type your essay in the text box provided.
- Be sure to choose words that create a tone appropriate to the task.

Reviewing

- Reread your response to correct any errors that interfere with your ability to communicate your ideas to the audience.

When writing my opinion, did I...

- ☐ provide relevant information to introduce the topic?
- ☐ state an opinion?
- ☐ support the opinion with logical reasoning and logically ordered and relevant evidence (facts, details, and examples) by quoting, summarizing, and/or paraphrasing?
- ☐ use text evidence to support the opinion?
- ☐ maintain a clear focus?
- ☐ use words and phrases to connect the opinion, reasons, and evidence?
- ☐ provide a logical conclusion section to support the opinion?