

Opinion Essay

STRUCTURE

Title

Paragraph 1 Introduce the topic using a general statement and give your opinion. Say whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

- It is well known (that)...
- Some people believe / think (that)...
- It is said that ...
- In my opinion, ...
- I think / feel / believe (that)...

Paragraph 2 Give the first reason to support your opinion. Provide specific justifications for your opinion, using examples if necessary.

Paragraph 3 Give the second reason to support your opinion. Provide specific justifications for your opinion, using examples if necessary.

Paragraph 4 Give the third reason to support your opinion. Make sure this is clearly different from the points you made in the previous 2 paragraphs.

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| - In the first place, / Firstly, / To begin with, ... | - It seems to me that ... |
| - Secondly, ... | - In my view, / As I see it, ... |
| - On the one hand, ... / On the other hand, ... | - In my opinion, ... |
| - As a result, / Consequently, / Therefore, ... | - In addition, / Moreover, / Furthermore, ... |
| - For example, / For instance, ... | - However, ... / Nevertheless, ... / ... as well as... |
| | - ... should be taken into account. |

Paragraph 5 Summarise your ideas and repeat your opinion using different words to provide a strong conclusion.

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| - In conclusion, I feel (that) ... | - As far as I am concerned, ... |
| - To sum up, ... | - I think / I believe / I consider... |
| - In short, ... | - From my point of view / As I see it, |

- Write in a **formal** style. Use the **passive** voice when appropriate. Do **not** use **contractions** (there ~~isn't~~ → is not).
- Support your point of view with reasons, explanations and examples.

TASK

The BBC has revealed that most of their TV viewers are now in their 60s. Will streaming platforms such as Netflix or HBO end up replacing TV?

Write an opinion essay in which you answer to that question according to your opinion. Write about:

- Young people
- Viewing habits
- (Your own idea)

150 – 200 words