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Position / Proposal

1 Position

A position essay explains multiple sides of an issue and argues for one side over the others. Your goal is to explain the various sides of the issue and highlight the differences between these views.

Use solid reasoning and factual evidence to persuade your readers to adopt your point of view.

Your position should identify the problem, make claims that you will support, provide a summary of your understanding of the issue, include a point-by-point discussion of the limits of the various views about the issue, and establish and support your own position about the issue.

- identify a problem - explain multiple sides of the issue - include point by point discussion of the limits of the various views - establish and support own position - use solid reasoning and factual evidence to persuade readers

2 Proposal

A proposal essay moves beyond reporting facts (the report) or arguing for a particular perspective in order to persuade the reader to take some kind of action in relation to your issue. The proposal will build on the position you have established and should, therefore, persuade the reader that it is

indeed a problem that needs to be addressed, and then lay out a specific proposal to solve the problem. It should offer a conclusion that looks to the future and stresses the importance of taking action.

- build on position - persuade reader that it is indeed a problem - lay out a specific proposal to solve the problem - offer a conclusion that looks to the future and stresses the importance of taking action

- include images - include citations

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