

Checklist for A Supported Opinion Essay/Response

Introduction (4 to 5 sentences):

- Begins the essay and gets the reader's attention
- The first sentence may be indented
- Includes a statement that states the opinion being presented
- Includes 3 subtopics (one subtopic for each body paragraph)

Body Paragraphs (3 supported opinion paragraphs, about 4 to 6 sentences each):

Each paragraph...

- Is indented at the first sentence or double spaced from the preceding paragraph
- Is in paragraph format (topic sentence, supporting evidence, concluding sentence)
- Supports your opinion in a way to persuade the reader
- Explains or gives evidence, uses facts, examples, or quotations
- Keeps your main focus

Conclusion (3 to 5 sentences):

- Is the final paragraph of the essay
- Is either indented at the first sentence or double spaced from the preceding paragraph
- Summarizes what you have said in the essay (highlights the 3 main points used in the body paragraphs)
- Does not introduce any new information