

## **Writing a Persuasive (supported-opinion) Essay**

### **1) Introduction Paragraph**

Write a topic sentence...explain the topic

Include an opinion statement (thesis) ...state your opinion about the topic and list your supports

**2) Transition Word** (e.g. “first”, “firstly”, or “to begin”) Move the reader from your introduction to your first support

### **3) Body Paragraph #1**

Explain the weakest of your three supports

Include examples and specific details to emphasize your explanation

Explain how your support backs up your opinion

**4) Transition Word** (e.g. “secondly”, “also”, or “next”)

Move the reader from the first body paragraph to the next support

### **5) Body Paragraph #2**

Explain the second strongest of your three supports

Include examples and specific details to emphasize your opinion

Explain how your support backs up your opinion

**6) Transition Word** (e.g. “thirdly”, “also”, or “finally”) Move the reader from the second body paragraph to the third support

### **7) Body Paragraph #3**

Explain the strongest of your three supports

Include examples and specific details to emphasize your opinion

Explain how your support backs up your opinion

**8) Transition Word** (e.g. “in conclusion”, “to summarize” or “overall”)

Move the reader from your last body paragraph to the conclusion

### **9) Conclusion Paragraph**

Re-state or re-word your opinion statement (thesis)

Summarize your supports

<http://schools.peelschools.org/sec/fletchersmeadow/studentlife/OSSLTprep/Documents/OSSLT%20Prep%20Supported%20Opinion%20Paragraph%202017.pdf>