

AN OPINION ESSAY

1. Paragraph 1: Introduction

2. Paragraph 2: **Body**: -Reason (argument) +Explanation.

3 Paragraph 3: **Body**- Reason (argument) +Explanation.

4. Paragraph 4: Conclusion

Introduction:

Hook. Introduce the topic. State your opinion.

Body: Reason 1 (At least 2 reasons/arguments)

Group related information together into paragraphs (from your draft).

Provide reasons for your opinion.

Develop your argument with facts and details.

Use connectors or phrases to connect ideas within categories.

Body: Reason 2

Introduce each paragraph with a **connector** and a **topic sentence**.

Reflections: In each paragraph, include your thoughts about the facts and details you include. Use useful lg: I believe/think etc.

Concluding sentence: make a connection to the argument you

presented: as a result, consequently

Conclusion:

Summarize your arguments in other words.

Provide **a concluding section** related to the rest of the essay-It might be a feeling, impression, or message you want to convey to the reader.

Ex- The structure of an opinion essay

Should we stop going on field trips?

Number the following sentences in the correct order.

First, students form important bonds with each other during the
trips.
In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I believe field trips are
extremely important.
Second, students learn a lot about nature during these trips.
The students get to know their classmates better during the bus
rides and when sharing a room.
In summary, I truly believe that field trips are important for the
development of students both socially and educationally.
These experiences will enrich their knowledge and broaden their
horizons.
It's time schools took into consideration students' feedback and
learned from it.
Views, friendships, lots of adventures are all part of the wonderful
memories I have of school trips.
This encourages them to develop new friendships.

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- <u>6</u> Second, students learn a lot about nature during these trips.
- 4 The students get to know their classmates better during the bus rides and when sharing a room.
- **9** In summary, I truly believe that field trips are important for the development of students both socially and educationally.
- **8** These experiences will enrich their knowledge and broaden their horizons.
- **7**During the field trip, students can observe animals, light bonfires and touch plants they learn about in class.
- **10** It's time schools took into consideration students' feedback and learned from it.
- 1 Views, friendships, and lots of adventures are all part of the wonderful memories I have of school trips.
- **5** This encourages them to develop new friendships.

An example for an opinion essay

Should we stop going on field trips?

Views, friendships and lots of adventures are all part of the wonderful memories I have of school trips. In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I believe field trips are extremely important.

First, students form important bonds with each other during the trips. The students get to know their classmates better during the bus rides and when sharing a room. This encourages them to develop new friendships.

Second, students learn a lot about nature during these trips.

During the field trip, students can observe animals, light bonfires and touch plants they learn about in class. These experiences will enrich their knowledge and broaden their horizons.

In summary, I truly believe that field trips are important for the development of students both socially and educationally. It's time schools took into consideration students' feedback and learned from it.





A hook is **an opening statement** in an essay that aims to grab the reader's attention. It can be done by stating **a fact, an anecdote, or a question.**

1.	A few years ago, I faced an unexpected situation during a trip.
	That experience made the trip truly unforgettable.
2.	I have always found school tests stressful. For me, the words "we
	have a test next week" cause panic and fear.
	Have you ever thought about what you want to do after you
	finish your army service?
٠.	In most Israeli high schools, students have a year of "personal
	commitment", when they volunteer in their communities
	Last week, I went to a football game, where thousands of fans
	came to watch and support their favorite teams
	В
•••	a. Planning for the Future
	. b. The Best Trip Ever
••••	. c. Cheer for Your Team!
	. d. Helping Your Town
	. e. Exams – Challenge or Nightmare?

1. Learning to drive at a young age

2. Adopting a puppy



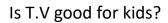
Let's practice: writing an introduction:

Use these structures to write the first paragraph for the following subject: **Is**

T.V good for kids?

A Question:

Have you ever V3 (e.g. thought) about (Noun)? Isn't it surprising how many
? In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I think/ believe
An Anecdote:
Last week, I/ A few years ago, I faced an unexpected situation When discussing the issue of I personally believe and in this essay, I will explain the reasons why. OR
I still remember the first time_(event) At that moment, I realized When discussing the issue of I personally believe and in this essay, I will explain the reasons why.
Stating a fact
It is common knowledge that <u>(noun)</u> / It is often claimed that It has been suggested/ proposed that I, however, am very much against this suggestion/ proposal/ plan/ idea <u>or</u> I am in complete support of it for the following reasons <u>or</u>
I think anyone who cares about(Gerund\Noun) can see what has been happening lately. More and more I feel we have to in order to V1 for the following reasons.
Let's practice: write your introduction





A Question:

Have you ever thought about the effects of television on children? Isn't it surprising how many kids spend hours in front of the screen every day? In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I believe watching too much TV can be harmful for children.

An Anecdote:

Last week, I saw my little cousin watching TV for hours. I remember feeling worried that it might affect her in the long run. When discussing the issue of TV and kids, I am personally against it, and in this essay, I will explain why.

OR

I still remember the first time I watched my favourite TV show. At that moment, I realized I would never miss an episode. When discussing the issue of watching TV, I personally believe it is beneficial, and in this essay, I will explain why.

Stating a fact

It is common knowledge that television is/has always been a popular form of entertainment for children. It has been suggested that watching T.V. is beneficial. I, however, am very much against it for the following reasons.



THE PROCESS OF WRITING:

Step 1 - Draft: Brainstorming

Step 2 - Draft: Clustering

Step 3 - A topic sentence

Step 4 - Justification (explanation, examples)

Step 1- Draft

- Word Association- think of why? how? which? who? where? when?
- A mind map
- Pros and Cons (advantages & disadvantages)

Ex- Choose 1 strategy and write a draft for the following subject:

Some people claim that T.V isn't good for kids. Do you agree or disagree? Write a composition in which you state and explain your opinion

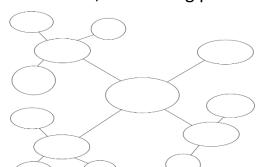
Step 2- Clustering

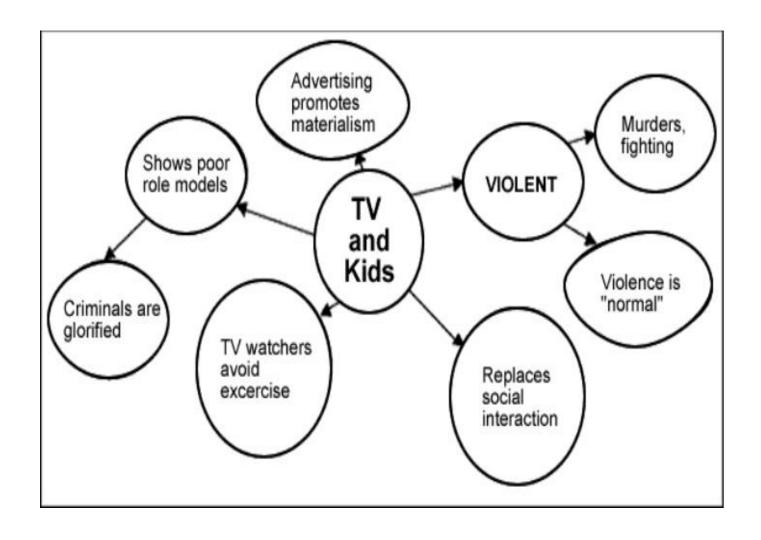
Clustering is a strategy which allows you to see your ideas visually and explore the connection between them. In other words, it helps you decide which ideas go together

Ex- Cluster the following ideas:

Subject: TV and Kids

Ideas: shows poor role models, violent, Murders, fighting, violence is "normal", criminals are glorified, TV watchers avoid exercise, Replaces social interaction, advertising promotes materialism,







Step 3- A topic sentence

<u>A topic sentence</u> states the main idea of the paragraph. You're pointing out the argument, the reason which leads you to agree/ disagree.

CHOOSING TOPIC SENTENCES	
First,home instead of playing outside, so they teamwork, time management, and commability to interact effectively with others v	miss opportunities to practice nunication. As a result, their
 If children watch TV, they will develop Watching TV can harm children's social Children love to have fun. 	
To begin with, their cells in every aspect of their lives. W navigation, or managing schedules, mobil essential tools for daily functioning.	/hether it's for communication,
 Phones are important. Mobile phones can be used to take pho People are dependent on their cellphone 	
First and foremost, differences, learn new languages and dev Furthermore, you gain independence and answer is traveling is the best form of edu	velop social skills and maturity. I learn about yourself. The
 Traveling is the best form of education If people travel, they will take lots of pl When you travel, you can relax. 	

TEACHER OF THE SECOND

Writing a topic sentence

Use gerund (V+ing)

Use **conditionals**:

Cond 1: Refers to the future: pr. simple (he/she/it-s), future (will+V1)

Cond 2: Refers to the present: past simple, future past (V2/ed), (would+V1)

Examples:

Gerund: Watching too much T.V can harm children's social skills.

Conditional 1 refer to the future

If kids watch too much TV, it will harm their social skills

Conditional 2: refers to the present

If kids watched too much TV, it would harm their social skills

Let's practice: Write a topic sentence

Argument: TV watchers avoid exercise
Use gerund:
Use conditional 1:
Use conditional 2:
Argument: materialism
Use gerund:
Use conditional 1:
Use conditional 2:
Argument: Shows poor role models
Use gerund:
Use conditional 1:
Use conditional 2:
Argument:Violence
Use gerund:

Use conditional 1:
Use conditional 2:
Argument: TV watchers avoid exercise

Use gerund: Watching too much TV can harm children's health.

Use conditional 1: **If** kids watch T.V too much, they **will** harm their health.

Use Conditional 2: **If** kids watched T.V too much, they **would** harm their health

Argument: materialism

Use gerund: Advertising promotes materialism

Use conditional 1: **If** children watch a lot of advertisements, they **will** become materialistic.

Use conditional 2: **If** children watched a lot of advertisements, they **would** become materialistic.

Argument: Shows poor role models

Use gerund: Watching TV for hours on end introduces kids to poor role models.

Use conditional 1: **If** kids watch T.V, they **will** be exposed to poor role models. (imitate)

Use conditional 2: **If** kids watched T.V, they **would** be exposed to poor role models.

Argument: Violence

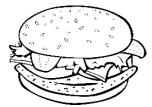
Use gerund: Watching TV for hours on end exposes kids to violence.

Use conditional 1: If kids watch T.V, they will be exposed to violence.

Use conditional 2: If kids watched T.V, they would be exposed to violence.



Step 4: Writing a paragraph



Topic Sentence- what is the reason you agree/disagree with the subject.

Supporting sentences- details: explanation (in other words, explain further your topic sentence), facts (how), examples (or research, survey).

Concluding sentence - the last sentence in a paragraph which sums up the main idea in different words and/or shows why it is important.

Useful phrases to develop an argument

In order to, in other words, to put it another way, that is to say, To that end. It results in, it can lead to. As a result.

Let's practice: choosing supporting sentences.

<u>Topic:</u> Should students choose the learning subjects in school?

<u>Topic sentence</u>: **If** high school students choose their subjects, their motivation **will increase**.

- In other words, many students enjoy school. They join clubs that help them make new friends and learn teamwork. They often spend a lot of time preparing for school events together. Thus, their social skills strengthen.
- 2. To put it differently, you discover new things, learn new languages and develop social skills. Students become more mature by participating in various activities such as school trips etc. Consequently, you gain independence and learn about yourself.
- 3. That is to say, once they choose their favorite subject, they become eager to learn more. Research shows that curious students discover new facts, participate actively, and invest more time and effort in their studies. As a result, their performance improves.



Match each argument to its supporting sentences

Argument (topic sentence)	Supporting Sentences
First, the way I see it, diversity is something positive and beneficial in every aspect of life.	It breaks the rhythm of studying and causes students to forget material. Research shows many students often forget what they learned. As a result, it makes getting back into a routine very difficult.
Secondly, I think that television advertisements have many drawbacks.	b. In other words, hardship forces you to face problems head-on. Surveys show that struggling helps people develop resilience, problem-solving, and adaptability. Consequently, they are better prepared for future challenges.
3. In addition, I personally believe that each obstacle you face in life makes you stronger.	c. It gives you a chance to experience and accept things you aren't accustomed to. Thus, embracing diversity encourages growth, understanding and open mindedness.
4. Also, I strongly believe that there are many disadvantages to a long summer break.	d. They interrupt whatever one is watching, which is annoying. In addition, the number of times you watch them affects your subconscious purchasing habits. This often results in buying things one doesn't necessarily need.



Identifying Paragraph Parts and Irrelevant Sentences

Every supporting sentence must relate to the topic sentence. If a sentence does not support the main idea, it is irrelevant and should be omitted. **Let's practice: Recognizing irrelevant sentences.**

- 1. Underline the topic sentence
- 2. Use (brackets) to indicate the supporting sentences. Use a star (*) to mark the examples/evidence.
- 3. Each paragraph has **one** irrelevant sentence. Find and cross it out.
- 4. Highlight the concluding sentence

E.g.: <u>Riding an electric bike reduces traffic</u>. (Studies suggest that many people prefer using them because they are more convenient than cars. Electric bikes can be used on sidewalks and bike lanes for *commuting or *running errands, like *going to the store or *visiting a friend. <u>Some riders like adding lights and stickers to their bikes</u>.

As a result, there's less traffic, and people can reach their destination more quickly.

First, many teens experience FOMO (fear of missing out). In other words, some teens believe that online learning platforms are more effective than traditional classrooms. Since new information appears on social media so quickly, they worry about missing something important like a party or a significant announcement. As a result, they feel the need to stay updated and carry their phones everywhere.

To begin with, school exams help prepare students for the real world. In other words, exams expose students to stress and teach them how to cope with it. During this time, many students practice important life skills such as time management, taking short breaks, and using relaxation techniques to stay focused. Some students prefer multiple-choice tests because they are easier. As a result, students develop strategies to handle anxiety and face future challenges.

First and foremost, saving time is a major advantage of school uniforms. They eliminate the daily struggle of deciding what to wear. Some people wear uniforms when volunteering at events. Studies show that students who wear uniforms spend less time getting ready in the morning. Therefore, uniforms can help students get organized more quickly.

First, I believe watching TV can harm children's social skills. That is, it reduces their opportunities to meet and interact with friends outdoors. . Some children enjoy watching cooking shows on weekends. Many surveys indicate that most children now prefer staying at home rather than playing outside, which limits their chances to

practice important skills like teamwork, time management, and communication. As a result, their social abilities weaken.



Let's practice: Writing supporting details

Read each topic sentence below. Ask yourself:

How does it work?

Can I give an example? Are there any common truths which support it? What are the effects/results?

<u>Topic sentence:</u> Reading every day improves your English.

Explain how → It helps you learn new vocabulary and grammar.

Example→ You see grammar in real sentences and understand new words from context.

Or Survey/research → It is known that many students enrich their word bank through the stories they read.

Result? → You understand the text better and improve your grades- this is the concluding sentence of the paragraph.

Pattern for Paragraph 2

Topic sentence: Why? First,ing	can be / enables		
Explain how: General truth / fact) In oth	er words,		
Example or evidence: survey / research) In fact, research shows that _			
Result (Concluding Sentence): Therefore	/ As a result, it seems to me		
that			
Pattern for Paragraph 3			
Topic sentence: Why?: Secondly, if (pr or	past simple), it will/would		
Explain how: (General truth / fact) To pu	it it differently,		
Example or evidence: Many surveys indicate	cate that		
Result (Concluding Sentence): This can re	esult in / It can lead to		



Let's practice writing supporting sentences:

1.	Topic Sentence: Working during the summer can be socially beneficial for teens.
	How? They meet new co-workers and customers in a variety of situations.
	Example/ Evidence? These interactions help them develop important skills such as communication, teamwork, and listening. Result? Effect? Consequently, their social skills improve.
2.	Topic Sentence: Adding financial education to the school curriculum is crucial.
	How?
	Example/ Evidence?
	Result? Effect?
3.	Topic Sentence: Famous people set an example.
	How?
	Example/ Evidence?
	Result? Effect?
4.	Topic Sentence: Eating breakfast helps students focus.
	How?
	Example/ Evidence?
	Result? Effect?
5.	Topic Sentence: Volunteering builds life skills.
	How?

Example/	Evidence?.	 	 	 • • • • •
Result? E	ffect?	 	 	



6. **Topic Sentence:** Adding financial education to the school curriculum is crucial.

How? Learning Financial Education prepares students for the real world.

Example/ Evidence? It teaches them essential money management skills such as budgeting, saving, and taking loans.

Result? Effect? As a result, these teenagers will become responsible adults who avoid debt.

7. **Topic Sentence:** Famous people set an example for youngsters.

How? It is known that young people look up to celebrities.

Example/ Evidence? Surveys indicate that people imitate behaviors, whether positive, like volunteering, or negative, like smoking.

Result? Effect? Thus, I believe they have a responsibility to behave properly.

8. **Topic Sentence:** Eating breakfast helps students focus.

How? Breakfast provides energy and strength to concentrate.

Example/ Evidence? Research shows children who eat breakfast perform better throughout the school day. They understand the material better, ask questions and participate.

Result? Effect? Consequently, they will get better grades.

9. **Topic Sentence:** Volunteering builds life skills.

How? When volunteering, one often needs to face challenging people or situations.

Example/ Evidence? These experiences help one develop important abilities such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management.

Result? Effect? As a result, not only do one's self-worth and confidence grow, but one also gains a better understanding of responsibility.



Developing a paragraph

- 1. **Why** is this true?(**Topic sentence**) First, reading every day enables one to improve their English.
- 2. Explain how: It helps enhance one's vocabulary and grammar
- 3. **Example?** Research shows that many students enrich their language skills by learning grammar and new words from context.
- 4. **Result/effect (Concluding Sentence)**: As a result, they understand texts better and improve their grades.

First, reading enables one to improve their English. That is to say, it helps enhance one's vocabulary and grammar. In fact, research shows that many students enrich their language skills by learning grammar and new words from context. As a result, they improve their grades.

Let's practice writing a whole paragraph:

The most userul priorie app
Topic Sentence: Why?
How?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):

The most useful phone app: WhatsApp

Topic Sentence: Using WhatsApp enables one to communicate easily and instantly.

Explain how? The app lets you send messages, make free calls, and share files like photos or documents.

Example? It allows users to interact with family members, friends, or colleagues anytime and anywhere without extra cost or time limits.

sult. WhatsAnn helps people stay connected while saving time and



Result? As a result, WhatsApp helps people stay connected while saving time and money.
Topic: . Should young people marry ? Write a composition stating and explaining
your opinion.
Your answer: Yes/No
Topic Sentence: Why?
Explain how:
Example/evidence
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Topic: In your opinion, is technological progress a good thing? Write an essay, stating and explaining your opinion. OR
What is the greatest/worst invention of man? Choose one or two inventions and write a composition explaining your choice. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfGMYdalClU
Your answer:
Your answer: Yes/No
Topic Sentence: Why?
Explain how:
Example/evidence
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Topic: Some people claim we have become a numb society; others disagree. Do you agree or disagree with this claim? Write a composition stating and explaining your opinion.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_8y0WLm78U&list=PLRghQRANOAw0NYF6AUcCQvPF6JtR4UHa8&index=16
Your answer: Yes/No Tonic Sentence: Why?

Explain how:
Example/evidence
Lxample/ evidence
Result? (Concluding Sentence):



Step 5: Writing a conclusion

- 1. Restate your strongest arguments
- 2. Restate your opinion
- 3. Draw to a close.

1+2: Begin your paragraph with one on the following phrases.

In conclusion, it seems to me that....

In summary, all things considered, I think that...

In closing, in view of the arguments mentioned above, it's quite clear to me that..

In order to draw to a close, use one of the following ending sentences.

✓ Call to action- I think it's time /it's about time/
it's high time subject (גוף) + V2
Or I believe it's time to
Or it's time for +object+ to

✓ End with an observation/insight/ a feeling, impression, or message you want to leave with the reader.

think anyone who cares about (Gerund/noun) may feel that we have to do
something in order to
Or I believe one/we/ should consider
Or If only/ I wish

Wish/if only + past simple to talk about a <u>present situation</u> we would like to be different.

Wish/if only + would (to talk about the <u>future</u>)

Wish/if only + a past perfect to talk about something we would like to change about the past

Note!

We use "were" instead of "was" with I/ he/ she after I wish/ if only.



✓ End with a related quotation/idiom. Connect it to the sentence/ paragraph

Drastic times call for drastic measures

A picture paints a thousand words.

Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder.

Every cloud has a silver lining= Be optimistic, even difficult times will lead to better days.

A Blessing in disguise- Smt good that isn't recognized at first

√ Suggest a solution

I suggest +subject (pronoun) +pr. Simple

For example:

In conclusion,

I suggest we change/listen.... After all, actions speak louder than words.

Let's practice: Write a closing paragraph:

Some people claim that T.V isn't good for kids. Do you agree of)r
disagree?	

Arguments: as poor role models and lack of social skills

and	This is why I believe	It's time
/ I wis	h (V2/ would) /If only(V2/ \	would) /

has many benefits/ drawbacks such as



An example for an essay:

Some people claim that T.V isn't good for kids. Do you agree or disagree?

Have you ever thought about the effects of television on children? Isn't it surprising how many kids spend hours in front of the screen every day? In this essay, I will discuss the reasons why I believe watching too much TV can be harmful for children.

First, I believe **watching TV can harm children's social skills.** It is known that many kids prefer staying home instead of playing outside. Hence, they miss opportunities to practice teamwork, time management, and communication with their peers. As a result, their ability to interact effectively with others weakens.

Second, if young children watch too much TV, they may be exposed to poor role models. In other words, they might see and imitate negative behaviors such as being disrespectful or using verbal and physical violence. Over time, these patterns can become a permanent part of their character.

In conclusion, watching TV has many drawbacks for children, including weakened social skills and exposure to poor role models. This is why I believe parents should limit the amount of time their children spend in front of a screen and carefully consider the harmful consequences.

Step 6: Write an essay

Examples for instructions

- 1. Do you think people should marry young? Write a composition stating and explaining your opinion. You may relate to your own experience and/or that of others.
- 1. Should young people marry? Write a composition stating and explaining your opinion.

Step 1: Brainstorming For: You can start a family earlier, strength, enjoy grandchildren OR Against: Lack of financial stability, risk of divorce may be higher, frustration, education and career may be interrupted, lack of maturity. Step 2: Clustering Step 3: Developing a paragraph Topic Sentence: Why? How? Example?... Result? (Concluding Sentence):

Developing a paragraph

Topic Sentence: Why?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Name: Let's practice writing an essay:
Man- In your opinion, is technological progress a good thing? Write an essay, stating and explaining your opinion.
OR
What is the greatest/worst invention of man? Choose one or two inventions and write a composition explaining your choice.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfGMYdalClU
 + Brainstorming: technological developments, prolonging life, mobility, abundance-food, clothes, jobs, knowledge - Brainstorming: global warming, air pollution, climate changes, scarcity in natural resources.
Step 3: Developing a paragraph
Topic Sentence: Why? How? Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):

Developing a paragraph

Topic Sentence: Why?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Name: Let's practice writing an essay:
What is the most useful phone app? Choose 1 or 2 things and write a composition explaining your choice and / or why you think it is so useful
Step 1: Brainstorming:
Step 2: Clustering:
Step 3: Developing a paragraph
The most useful phone app Topic Sentence: Why?
How?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Topic Sentence: Why?

How?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Name:
Let's practice writing an essay:
Some people claim we have become a numb society; others
disagree. Do you agree or disagree with this claim? Write a composition stating
and explaining your opinion.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_8y0WLm78U&list=PLRghQRAN0A
w0NYF6AUcCQvPF6JtR4UHa8&index=16
Step 1: Brainstorming:
Step 2: Clustering:
Step 3: Developing a paragraph
Answer: Yes/No
Topic Sentence: Why?
How?
Example?

Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Topic Sentence: Why? How?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Name: Let's practice writing an essay:
Do you think young people often become addicted to cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs.? Write a composition stating and explaining your opinion.
Answer: Yes/No
Step 1: Brainstorming:
Step 2: Clustering:
Step 3: Developing a paragraph 2
When you think about the argument, think of why? What are the causes that teens face which will probably result in drinking & smoking.
Topic Sentence: Why?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Developing a paragraph 3

How?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Name:
Let's practice writing an essay:
Many people believe that students get better grades when they study in separate classes for boys and for girls. Which do you think is better, single-sex classes or mixed classes? Write a composition stating and explaining your opinion.
Answer:
Step 1: Brainstorming:
Step 2: Clustering:
Step 3: Developing a paragraph 2
Topic Sentence: Why?
How?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):
Developing a paragraph 3

Topic Sentence: Why?
How?
Example?
Result? (Concluding Sentence):