



# Opinion Piece

OSSLT Study Guide



# Your task on the OSSLT

- decide whether you agree or disagree with the statement
- think of reasons why you hold that opinion (try to come up with at least three), and an example from your own experience which supports each reason
- write an introductory paragraph, making sure it clearly states your opinion

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- write at least three body paragraphs which gives your reasons for your opinion and the examples from your own experience
- write a concluding paragraph which summarizes your opinion

# Take a stance!

- ◆ Read the topic and choose either to agree or disagree with the statement
- ◆ **Do not choose to argue both sides;** While you may see both sides of the argument, the purpose of an opinion piece is to argue only one side of the issue
- ◆ Choose a side where you can come up with at least **3** strong reasons and examples

# Make a Plan!

- ◆ Good writing starts with making a well-organized plan
- ◆ Outline your three main arguments. Each argument = a body paragraph
- ◆ Next, provide details and examples that will go into your paragraph
- ◆ Once you have completed a detailed and organized plan, it is much easier to write an opinion piece!