

Writer's Checklist for the Opinion Writing Prompt

PLAN before you write

- Make sure you understand what the prompt is asking you to do.
- Think about your task and your audience.
- Think about the topic, your opinion on that topic, and what you want to write.
- Organize your ideas on scratch paper. Use a thought map, outline, or other graphic organizer to plan your essay.

FOCUS while you write

- State your opinion on the topic.
- Support your opinion with details, examples, and reasons.
- Use a variety of sentence types.
- Organize your paper with an introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Use transitions to connect your ideas.

PROOFREAD after you write

- I stayed focused on the topic.
- I used reasons and examples to support my opinion.
- I corrected any errors in capitalization, spelling, sentence formation, punctuation, and word choice.