

## Opinion Statement

### Revising: Improve Your Opinion Statement

**Directions:** Use the chart below to help you improve your opinion statement.

► <b>QUESTIONS</b>	► <b>DO THIS</b>	► <b>CHANGES YOU MADE</b>
1. Does the introduction express a clear opinion statement?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bracket</b> the opinion statement	
2. Do at least three reasons support the opinion statement? Do the reasons include relevant facts, statistics, and/or reasons?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Underline</b> each reason. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Label</b> relevant facts with an F, statistics with an S, and reasons with an R.	
3. Is each reason supported by at least two pieces of evidence?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Circle</b> each piece of evidence. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Draw an arrow</b> from the evidence to the reason it supports.	
4. Is the organization logical and effective?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Number</b> each reason with a rank (1 for strongest and so on).	
5. Are possible reader counterclaims addressed?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Put a plus sign</b> by any sentence that addresses a reader counterclaim.	
6. Does the conclusion restate the opinion and include a summary of reasons or a call to action?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Put a box</b> around the restatement of the opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Highlight</b> the summary of reasons or the call to action.	
7. Does the essay include any worn-out, overused expressions?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Draw a line through</b> clichés.	