

Opinion Statement

Revising: Improve Your Opinion Statement

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

► QUESTIONS	► DO THIS	► CHANGES YOU MADE
1. Does the introduction express a clear opinion statement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Bracket 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"/> Underline each reason. <input type="checkbox"/> Label 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"/> Circle each piece of evidence. <input type="checkbox"/> Draw an arrow from the evidence to the reason it supports.	
4. Is the organization logical and effective?	<input type="checkbox"/> Number each reason with a rank (1 for strongest and so on).	
5. Are possible reader counterclaims addressed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Put a plus sign 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"/> Put a box around the restatement of the opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Highlight the summary of reasons or the call to action.	
7. Does the essay include any worn-out, overused expressions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw a line through clichés.	