Banned words: I, me, us, we, our, you, your, nice, very

Possible alternatives: students, people, junior high students, classes, parents, children

* Hand write neatly
* Use pencil
* Skip lines
* Notebook paper
* Front of paper only
* Staple pages together

Title

* reflects the question
* reflects the final clincher

Introduction

* gives background information
* states topic
* makes question clear
* a complete paragraph
* choose 3 openers to include and label
* choose 2 dress-ups to include label

First Topic – First Body Paragraph

* Pro: What I don’t believe – acknowledging the other side’s perspective
* Con: What I do believe – your main point
* Should be ¾ Pro, ¼ Con
* Follows the topic/clincher relationship rule – the final/clincher sentence ties to the next paragraph
* Choose 4 openers to include and label
* Choose 3 dress-ups to include and label

Second Topic – Second Body Paragraph

* Should be ½ Pro, ½ Con
* Follows the topic/clincher relationship rule
* Choose 4 openers to include and label
* Choose 3 dress-ups to include and label

Third Topic – Third Body Paragraph

* Should be ¼ Pro, ¾ Con
* Follows the topic/clincher relationship rule
* Choose 4 openers to include and label
* Choose 3 dress-ups to include and label

Conclusion

* restates topics
* give opinion
* argue point
* final clincher