

Opinion Essay

Write a 3-5 page opinion essay answering the following question: Do people place too much value on material possessions and money?

Opinion Essay Checklist

Introduction

- ✓ Does the first sentence grab the reader's attention?
- ✓ Does the first paragraph provide a general overview of the topic?
- ✓ Does the first paragraph include a thesis statement that strongly and clearly states the writer's point of view?

Body Paragraphs

- ✓ Does each paragraph cover a point previously mentioned in the introduction?
- ✓ Does each paragraph provide supporting details?
- ✓ Is the support given correctly cited?
- ✓ Do the paragraphs show the opposing views to each argument? Or is there a paragraph included that reveals knowledge of the opposing view?

Conclusion

- ✓ Does the paragraph remind the reader of all points discussed?
- ✓ Do the sentences vary in structure and length?
- ✓ Do the paragraphs show smooth transitions?
- ✓ Does the essay employ effective diction?
- ✓ Is the essay convincing?
- ✓ Are grammar, punctuation, and spelling correct?