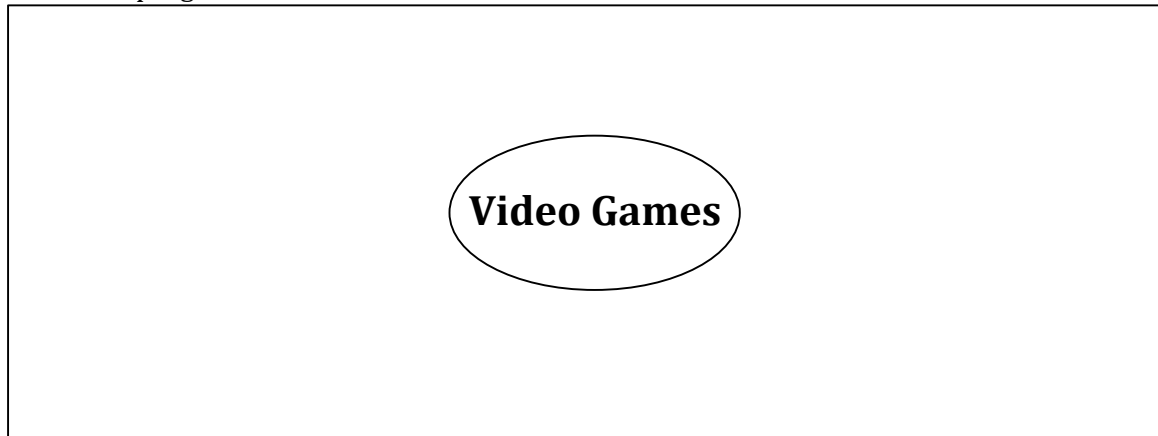


How to Write an Opinion Essay

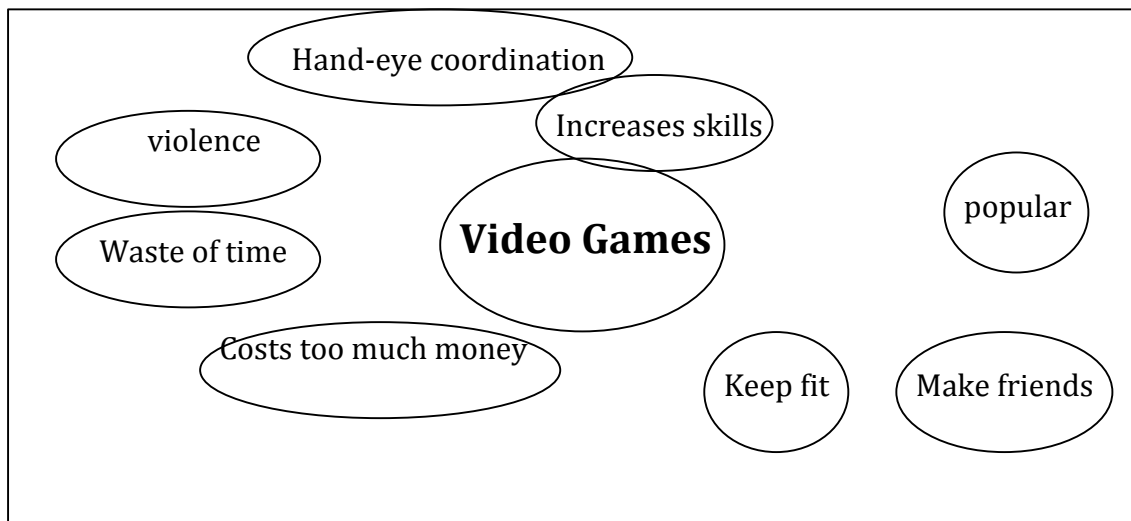
An opinion essay tells what you think about a topic in a clear and logical way. You will support your opinion with reasons and examples.

1. **Brainstorm** ideas about your topic. For example, if my topic were “video games”, my brainstorm map would look something like this:

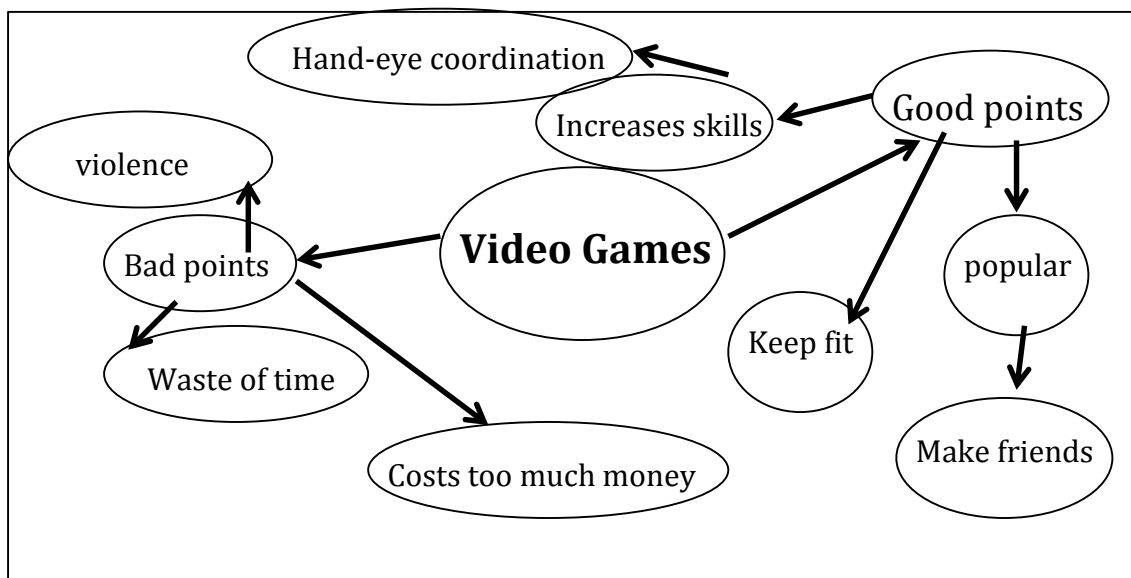
The topic goes in the middle.



Then, write down any ideas you have about the topic. Any idea is okay!



What ideas can connect to each other?



2. Decide your main points and make an outline. For a 5-paragraph essay, you will need three main points.

Example:

For a 5-paragraph opinion essay, my outline would look something like this:

*Remember, for each “main point”, you will need examples and supporting information.

Topic: Video games

Opinion: Everyone should play video games.

Introduction: This is where you introduce basic information about the topic and your opinion.

What information do we need to know before you explain the main points and supporting information? Also, introduce your three main points: *Everyone should play video games because playing video games increases your skills, helps you make friends, and helps you keep fit.*

Main points: 1. Increase skills

Hand-eye coordination

Reflexes

Problem-solving

2. Help make friends

Common interest

Meet friends online

Teamwork leads to friendship

3. Keep fit

Active video gaming

Wii Sports

Dance Dance Revolution

Conclusion: No new information! Re-state what you have already told us in a way that supports your opinion.

You may not already know enough about your topic to be able to write an essay. In that case, research! Use books or the Internet to look up reliable information about your topic.

Note: Not every information source is reliable.

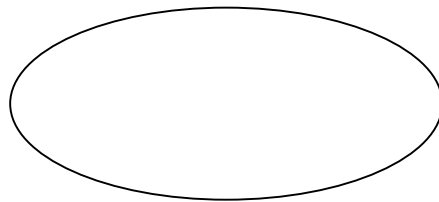
Ex. Wikipedia → Unreliable because many people can change the information

Ex. Article published by a large news corporation like the BBC or NHK → Usually reliable because their job is to report accurate information.

Opinion Essay

Write a 5-paragraph opinion essay about the topic "How will school life change after coronavirus?"

1. Brainstorm



2. Outline

Topic: _____

Opinion: _____

Introduction: _____

Main point 1: _____

Main point 2: _____

Main point 3: _____

Conclusion: _____

3. Essay

- Indent each paragraph
- Topic and concluding sentences
- Transition words

Write a 5-paragraph opinion essay on “How will school life change after coronavirus?” in your journal.