

OPINION PARAGRAPHS

- I. OPINION PARAGRAPHS - A statement of someone's belief with which people may disagree.
- II. ORGANIZATION
 - A. TOPIC SENTENCE - In an opinion paragraph, your topic sentence will express an opinion.
 - B. SUPPORTING REASONS - The reasons you present in support of your opinion may either be:
 1. OPINIONS - makes your opinion much more difficult to support
****or****
 2. FACTS - makes your opinion much stronger & more likely to stand up to scrutiny if it is based on facts
 - C. EXAMPLES - to ensure your reader clearly understands and follows the reasons you give, it is always desirable to provide examples that illustrate your reasons
 - D. TRANSITIONAL SIGNALS
 1. OPINIONS - whenever you state an opinion, make it clear to your reader that it IS an opinion by using the following transitional signals

<i>In my opinion, ...</i>	<i>I believe that ...</i>
<i>In my view, ...</i>	<i>I think that ...</i>
 2. OUTSIDE SUPPORT - when providing outside sources to support your opinion, use:

According to X,