

# Self Assessment Worksheet for Opinion Essays

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Formatting and Citations

- Followed MLA Format: \_\_\_\_\_ / 2
  - Correct margins, font, spacing, header, and page numbering.
- In-text citations are correct: \_\_\_\_\_ / 2
  - Proper format for in-text citations according to MLA guidelines.

## Introduction Paragraph

- Intro / Hook: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Captures reader's interest and introduces the topic.
- Connecting Sentences: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Smooth transition from the hook to the thesis.
- Thesis Statement: \_\_\_\_\_ / 2
  - Clear, concise, and presents the main argument.

## Paragraph 2

- Point: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Clearly states the main point of the paragraph.
- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Relevant and strong evidence to support the point.
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Explanation of how the evidence supports the point.
- Link: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Links back to the thesis and/or transitions to the next paragraph.

## Paragraph 3

- Point: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Clearly states the main point of the paragraph.
- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Relevant and strong evidence to support the point.

- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Explanation of how the evidence supports the point.
- Link: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Links back to the thesis and/or transitions to the next paragraph.

## Paragraph 4

- Point: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Clearly states the main point of the paragraph.
- Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Relevant and strong evidence to support the point.
- Explain: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Explanation of how the evidence supports the point.
- Link: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Links back to the thesis and/or transitions to the next paragraph.

## Conclusion

- Restate Thesis: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Restates the thesis in a different way.
- Connecting Sentences: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Summarizes the main points of the essay.
- Concluding Statement: \_\_\_\_\_ / 1
  - Leaves the reader with a final thought or call to action.

## Works Cited

- Formatting: \_\_\_\_\_ / 3
  - Correct MLA format for each entry (alphabetical order, indentation, etc.).
- Accuracy: \_\_\_\_\_ / 2
  - All sources cited in the essay are included, and vice versa.

**Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_ / 27**

## Reflection:

1. What aspects of MLA format do you find challenging?

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2. Identify one strength in your essay.

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3. Identify one area for improvement in your essay.

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4. What will be your focus for the next essay to enhance your writing skills?

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