# Making and Supporting an Opinion (Stoplight Organizer)

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<tr><td>Beginning: Introduce the topic or text. State your opinion.</td><td>Introduction & Claim</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="5">Middle:<br>• Plan to group related information together into paragraphs or sections.<br>• Provide reasons for your opinion.<br>• Introduce each paragraph with a sentence that states the reason or the main idea of the paragraph you are about to write.<br>• Develop the middle reasons with facts and details that come directly from the text. This is called evidence.<br>• Use linking words or phrases to connect ideas within categories.<br><br>Reflections: In each paragraph, include your thoughts about the evidence you include. You don't want to include only evidence. Your reflection and connection is important.</td><td>Reason</td></tr>
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<tr><td>End: Provide a concluding section related to the rest of the essay. It might be a feeling, impression, or message you want to leave with the reader.</td><td>Conclusion</td></tr>
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