OPINION ESSAYS

Rich developed countries are the most irresponsible. Give your opinion.

FIRST PARAGRAPH: you should explain facts of on the subject and give your opinion.

Express opinion: **As far as I'm concerned** **as I see it** **I totally/strongly (agree/ disagree) with ....**
It seems to me that **From my point of view** **I honestly think that...** **I believe / think**

BOLD can be used with any topic

As far as I'm concerned I honestly think that rich developed countries are very irresponsible**. As I see it,** developed countries do not do enough to protect the planet. **It seems to me that** we should all be more careful with our planet.

SECOND PARAGRAPH: write a paragraph for each reasoning which should include at least two. These reasonings should include examples and facts which are convincing.

To give reasons: **My main reason is.....** **One reason for.... is...** **Many people say / consider that.....**

Express facts: **It is a well known fact that.....** **Research has shown that....** **It is clear that**

I also believe that **Moreover,** **Furthermore,**

AGREE

As I see it, and although I asume that there would be lots of people who do not think the way I do, in my mind's eye, there is no doubt about the fact that rich developed countries do not look after the environment. **The main evidence which can support this belief is** the high levels of contamination which surrounds us.

relatives

DISAGREE

I strongly believe that many people make a mistake when stating that rich developed countries are the most irresponsible, **because you can never be sure one hundred percent as each case is different. Moreover, it seems to me that recent research can't support this belief.**

passive

THIRD PARAGRAPH: always try to have more than one reason.

It is a well known fact that developed countries have more industries and **therefore** produce more contamination. **Researchers say** that this is the result of consumerism.

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CONCLUSION: sumarize your opinions with different words. Here you could include a conditional sentence.

All in all, **On the whole it is clear that....** **To sum up....** **In order to finish**

On the whole it is clear that this issue is controversial and each person has differing opinions. Nevertheless, if it depended on me, I would definately support / reject this posture.

conditional

LIVEWORKSHEETS