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## LET'S PLAN TO WRITE!

**PROMPT:**

*Summer is an exhilarating time with lots of fun things to do, but is it too much time away from school? Some people argue that summer vacation is too long. Do you agree? Write an essay to persuade your readers of whether you think summer vacation is too long.*

Type your thoughts on this graphic organizer to plan your essay.

WRITING MODE:

ESSAY TITLE:

### INTRODUCTION

STATEMENT OF OPINION:

SUPPORTING REASONS:

COUNTER-ARGUMENT:

REBUTTAL:

### BODY PARAGRAPH 1

STATEMENT OF OPINION AND SUPPORTING POINT #1:

SUPPORTING DETAIL:

SUPPORTING DETAIL:

SUPPORTING DETAIL:

### BODY PARAGRAPH 2

STATEMENT OF OPINION AND SUPPORTING POINT #2:

SUPPORTING DETAIL:

SUPPORTING DETAIL:

SUPPORTING DETAIL:

### BODY PARAGRAPH 3

STATEMENT OF OPINION AND SUPPORTING POINT #3:

SUPPORTING DETAIL:

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### CONCLUSION

RESTATE OPINION/STANCE:

MAIN POINTS:



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Use the graphic organizer and the check list to write your essay.

**CHECKLIST**

Highlight what you will use in your essay.

adjectives	figurative language	different types of sentences	varying sentence length	
petrified	alleviate	contagious	sportsmanship	
adamant	reprimand	ecstatic	disguise	scrumptious

**Transitional Words & Phrases:**

**Opening a paragraph or for general use:**

admittedly	certainly	unquestionably	nobody denies	obviously
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**Add Details:**

consequently	additionally	because	moreover	for example
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**Restate a Point in Another Way:**

in other words	point in fact	specifically
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**Contrasting/Counter-Argument:**

however	on the other hand	yet	but	even so
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**Conclusion:**

in conclusion	indeed	as a result	hence	therefore
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