

## Reflection

Like most mothers and fathers, the parents of Feathers and Bianca want to keep their children safe. Like most children who are becoming young adults, Feathers and Bianca rebel.

**essay = 5 or more paragraphs about 1 idea**

Write an essay explaining who is right: parents or sons/daughters. This is your topic.

**topic = what you talk or write about**

**topic sentence = sentence that tells your topic**

Do you think parents should always keep their children safe or that parents should give their children some freedom? Write a complete sentence:

I think parents \_\_\_\_\_. This is your topic sentence. You will copy it into the organizer below.

**paragraph = 3 or more sentences about 1 idea**

Complete this organizer. First, you will write your introduction paragraph.

**introduction = paragraph that tells your topic and 3 big ideas about the topic**

Here is an example:

topic sentence: I think parents should always keep their children safe.

Big Idea/Reason 1: Children don't have any sense.

Big Idea/Reason 2: Children always make bad decisions.

Big Idea/Reason 3: Parents will feel terrible if their children get hurt.

Now you try it. Copy your topic sentence. Give 3 reasons for your opinion.

**body = paragraphs that support big ideas with details, examples, or reasons**

I. Introduction

topic sentence: \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Idea/Reason 1: \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Idea/Reason 2: \_\_\_\_\_.

Big Idea/Reason 3: \_\_\_\_\_.

Now you will explain your reasons. You can give more information (details) or examples to support what you said. You will write 1 paragraph about each of your big ideas. This is the body of your essay.

Here is an example:

Big Idea 1: Children don't seem to have much sense.

Detail/Example A: Some children stick green beans up their nose.

Detail/Example B: I've seen kids try to fly by jumping off the house roof.

Detail/Example C: Children are always doing dangerous things!

Now you try it. Restate (say again) your first Big Idea. Support it with details or examples.