

## Making and Supporting an Opinion (Stoplight Organizer)

<b>Beginning:</b> Introduce the topic or text. State your opinion.	<b>Introduction &amp; Claim</b>
<b>Middle:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan to group related information together into paragraphs or sections.</li> <li>• Provide reasons for your opinion.</li> <li>• Introduce each paragraph with a sentence that states the reason or the main idea of the paragraph you are about to write.</li> <li>• Develop the middle reasons with facts and details that come directly from the text. This is called evidence.</li> <li>• Use linking words or phrases to connect ideas within categories.</li> </ul> <b>Reflections:</b> 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.	<b>Reason</b>
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<b>End:</b> 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.	<b>Conclusion</b>