

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.