

Making and Supporting an Opinion (Stoplight Organizer)

Beginning: Introduce the topic or text. State your opinion.	Introduction & Claim	
Middle: • Plan to group related information together into paragraphs or sections. • Provide reasons for your opinion. • Introduce each paragraph with a sentence that states the reason or the main idea of the paragraph you are about to write. • Develop the middle reasons with facts and details that come directly from the text. This is called evidence. • Use linking words or phrases to connect ideas within categories. Reflections: 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.	Reason	
	Evidence and Reflections	
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End: 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.	Conclusion	