

Editorial Writing

WRITING GOALS:



- ★ I CAN DETERMINE MY POINT OF VIEW ON A TOPIC.
- ★ I CAN INCLUDE A STRONG THESIS STATEMENT WITHIN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TOPIC WHEN WRITING AN ARGUMENT.
- ★ I CAN RESEARCH AND PROVIDE EVIDENCE, FACTS AND DETAILS TO SUPPORT MY POINT OF VIEW ON A TOPIC OR ISSUE.

PARTS OF AN EDITORIAL

Introduction: The first paragraph includes a thesis statement explaining what the topic is, and what the editorial writer's opinion is.

Body: The middle paragraphs give background information about the issue. Even more importantly, they give facts and reasons explaining the writer's opinion.

Conclusion: The final paragraph often restates the writer's opinion and encourages readers to think in a different way or to take action!

Persuasive writing has many names...

EDITORIAL

PERSUASIVE ESSAY

OPINION WRITING

ARGUMENT ESSAY

DEBATE WRITING

POINT OF VIEW: an person's opinion, attitude, or judgment.

INFORMED OPINION: an opinion backed by facts that can be proven.

Thesis Statement

1) ASK A QUESTION:

Are cats or dogs better pets for professionals who are not home during the day?

2) MAKE A DECLARATION (STATE YOUR OPINION):

CATS are better pets for professionals who are not home during the day.

3) LIST 3 REASONS WHY:

Cats require less hands-on care
Cats don't need to be taken on walks
Cats are litter box trained

A STRONG thesis statement...

- ★ presents your topic to the reader.
- ★ provides your opinion on that topic.
- ★ summarizes the argument you'll make in the paper by offering evidence for your opinion.

COMBINE 2 & 3 TO WRITE YOUR THESIS:

Cats are better pets for professionals who are not home during the day because they require less hands-on care on a daily basis, they don't need to be taken on walks, and they are litter box trained.