



# Editorial Instructions

**Prompt:** Write an editorial about an issue in your community.

**Requirements:** Your editorial should include the following:

- A **title**
- An **introduction** that gives necessary background information, states your opinion, and provides an organizational structure
- **Three logically ordered body paragraphs**, each centered on a reason for your opinion
- **Facts and details** that support each reason and address possible audience questions
- Information discovered during **research** and relevant **personal experience**
- **Transitions** that link your opinion and reasons, and your reasons and evidence
- A **conclusion** that restates your opinion in different words and includes a call to action for the audience
- Correct **grammar, usage, and mechanics**
- A list of at least three trustworthy **research sources**

**Audience:** You will identify an appropriate audience for your editorial based on your topic, opinion, and call to action.

**Purpose:** Convince your audience to support your call to action.

**Length:** 500 to 600 words long (2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  typed, double-spaced pages)