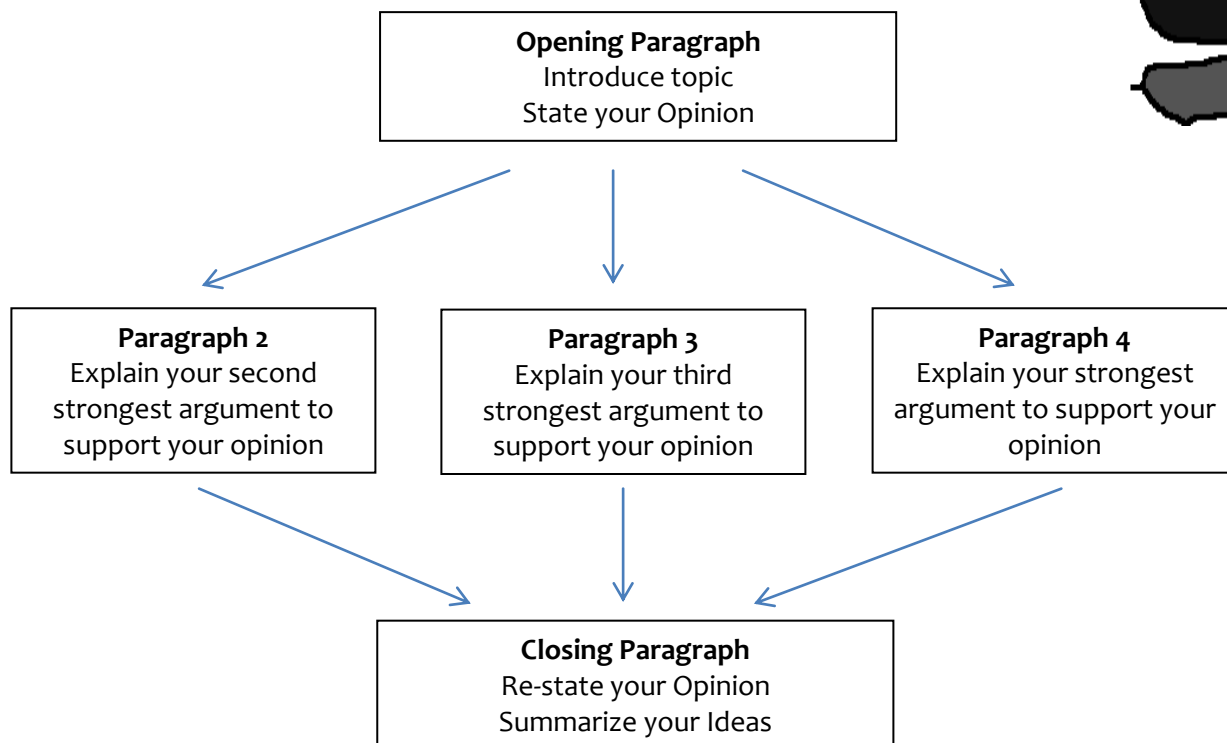


# Writing the Series of Paragraphs

*Your goal in a Series of Paragraphs is to support your opinion with a number of persuasive arguments.*

## THE STRUCTURE

1. Begin with an Introductory Paragraph
  - Introduces the ideas briefly
  - States your **opinion** (most important part)
2. Present three Body Paragraphs
  - Each paragraph has a different argument to support your opinion
  - Use facts and ideas to support each of your ideas
  - Provide sufficient support to elaborate your ideas logically
  - Link each paragraph and idea with transitional words to create coherence between sentences and paragraphs
3. Summarize your ideas in the Closing Paragraph



# STEPS TO WRITING THE SERIES OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Read the question carefully
2. Write down ideas that might support both sides of the question
3. Decide which opinion you will adopt
4. Choose three arguments that best support your opinion
5. Think of examples, facts, or experiences that support your arguments
6. Write the series of paragraphs

## SOME SAMPLE QUESTIONS

*Note: all of these questions are taken from the OSSLT over the past several years.*

- *Do teenagers place too much emphasis on clothing?*
- *Is participation in extra-curricular activities an important part of secondary school life?*
- **ARE CELLPHONES NECESSARY IN TEENAGER'S LIVES?**
- *Is it a good idea for high school students to have a part time job?*
- *Should zoos exist?*

## NOW DO IT YOURSELF

As a class, choose one of the sample questions and follow the steps in order to complete your own series of paragraphs.

Step 1: Write the question here:

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Step 2: Write down ideas that might support both sides of the question

"For" Reasons	"Against" Reasons

Step 3: Decide which opinion you will adopt

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**Step 4: Choose three arguments that best support your opinion**

Argument 1	Argument 2	Argument 3

**Step 5: Think of examples, facts, or experiences that support your arguments**

Reasons to Support Argument 1	Reasons to Support Argument 2	Reasons to Support Argument 3

**Step 6: Write the series of paragraphs**

Look at several examples from the OSSLT test to see sample responses. Pay close attention to the points awarded for answers such as the one you would write.

## Task: Writing the Series of Paragraphs

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**Task:** Write a **minimum** of **three paragraphs** expression an opinion on the topic below. Develop your main ideas with supporting details from *Crabbe*.

**Purpose and**

**Audience:** To present your ideas to an adult interested in your opinion

**Length:** The lined spaced provided for your written work indicates the approximate length of the writing expected. You will then type your rough work and proofread before submitting your final copy.

**Topic:**

*Write your series of paragraphs on the lines provided on the following two pages.*

### Rough Notes

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