

Editorial

What is an Editorial and why is it important?

Writing an Editorial helps students organize their opinions in order to convince others of their point of view. The information for the Editorial is usually based on a passage that has been read or a topic that has been discussed in class.

How can I use an Editorial with my students?

Introduce the Editorial Planning Guide and explain the purpose of an editorial. Students choose the audience for the Editorial and then write their opinion using the About Point Writing Response format. The About is the subject of the Editorial and the Point is the opinion about the subject. The About Point information is used to develop the topic sentence. Supporting details consist of reasons that justify the student's point of view. The details are the body of the Editorial and should be written in one or more paragraphs. The closing restates the About Point idea and summarizes the justification. When students complete the Editorial Planning Guide, they should use the information on the guide to write their Editorials. Following is an example of an Editorial on the issue of saving rain forests.

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| Author: | Latisha |
| Audience: | Readers/newspaper |
| Opinion: | |
| About: | The government |
| Point: | should take steps to prevent rain forests from being destroyed |
| Reasons: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People destroy the rain forest by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -cutting down trees -clearing land -building roads -farming 2. We can prevent the destruction by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -setting up boundaries for farms -restricting lumber cutting -replacing plants and trees |
| Closing: | Prevent the extinction of animals and destruction of the rain forest |
| Editorial: | <p>Laws Should be Passed to Stop the Destruction of Tropical Rain Forests.</p> <p>Tropical rain forests are being destroyed by human beings. People cut down beautiful trees and burn them. Then they clear forests for farmland. They build roads, and settlers move in and begin to farm. Unless changes are made, rain forests soon will be completely destroyed.</p> |



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