

A FOR AND AGAINST ESSAY

A for and against essay is usually about a controversial issue. It presents both sides of the issue and then concludes by supporting one of the sides. Look at the topic below. Then study the plan and read the model.

TOPIC

Write a for and against essay on the topic: Are school art lessons necessary?

PLAN

MODEL

Are School Art Lessons Necessary?

OPENING

Introduces the issue

As students spend a limited amount of time at school and there is so much to learn, people sometimes ask whether art should be taught at school. Should art lessons be part of the curriculum? Are they really necessary?

BODY

Argues for one side of the issue, with supporting details and examples

On the one hand, time that is spent on art lessons could be spent on more academic subjects. Moreover, some students need as much time as possible to focus on subjects that they find hard. For instance, maths is considered a difficult subject for many. In addition, some students simply aren't talented at art and feel these lessons are a waste of their time.

Argues for the other side of the issue, with supporting details and examples

On the other hand, I think most students enjoy learning art. This is because art is an active lesson that takes them away from lectures and books. Art lessons develop the students' creativity and help them express their ideas and feelings in a different way - using colours instead of words. Furthermore, young people might discover their artistic talents through art lessons at school. This can lead to a career in art, such as computer graphics or design.

CLOSING

Summarises the issue and the writer's opinion

In conclusion, although not all students feel art lessons are necessary, these lessons can benefit students by developing their creativity and ability to express themselves. This is why I believe art lessons should be included in the curriculum of all schools.

Useful Language

- There is ...
- Most people ...
- On the one hand / On the other hand, ...
- First of all, ...
- Moreover, ...
- Furthermore, ...
- In addition, ...
- For example, ...
- For instance, ...
- To sum up, ...
- I feel ...
- In my opinion, ...
- In conclusion, ...
- As I see it, ...
- This is why I believe / think / feel that ...