

ESSAY FOR AND AGAINST

OUTLINE:

1. Introduction
2. Arguments for the topic
3. Arguments against the topic
4. Conclusion

INTRODUCTION

An adequate introduction contains:

General statement about the topic that will provide the background (opća izjava o temi koja daje naslutiti o čemu će se govoriti u eseju.)

The thesis statement which names the specific topic and the main ideas of the topic (u kojoj se najavljuje o kojim će se dvjema suprotstavljenim stranama pisati u eseju. Teza mora sadržavati obje strane. Može se sastojati od jedne ali i od više rečenica. Mora se konkretno pričati o zadanoj temi. NE SMIJE biti prepisani naslov!!!!)

Introduction must be written in formal style, **avoiding** all personal references such as: *In this essay I will discuss...* and all general statements such as: *This topic has many advantages and disadvantages.*

PARAGRAPHS FOR AND AGAINST

An adequate paragraph arguing for/against the topic must have the following outline:

- **Topic sentence** - tema vašeg odlomka obično izvedena iz naslova koja kaže o čemu će se raditi u ovom odlomku, tj. je li ovaj odlomak govori za ili protiv teme.
- **Argument** - razvija ideju tj. daje nam razlog (argument) zašto je ideja točna
- **Support ili potkrijepa argumenta** - objašnjava argument, oprimjeruje ga, daje statistički podatak kojim dokazuje argument, ili ga pobliže pojašnjava.
- **2nd argument**
- **Support for the 2nd argument**

Prije samog pisanja eseja, preporuča se razmisliti o temi te smisliti i zapisati u obliku tablice natuknice/argumente koje ćete koristiti.

CONCLUSION

An adequate conclusion consists of:

- 1) **summary of the main points** (sažetak glavnih misli eseja odnosno obje suprotstavljene strane. Može biti jedna ili više rečenica, ali obje strane moraju biti jasno vidljive i konkretno spomenute.)
- 2) **your opinion** (vlastito mišljenje o temi gdje biste se trebali odlučiti za jednu stranu.)

SAMPLE ESSAY

TOPIC: Some people that downloading music and movie from the Internet free of charge is a serious crime punishable by law. Others disagree.

In the last few years people have been talking a lot about free downloading movies and music from the Internet. Many people claim that every person who takes the protected content from the Internet for free should be punished, because they do not behave in accordance with the law and so violate the rights of authors. Nevertheless, there are other people who think that downloading free content is not a serious crime, but only a quick and easy way of finding and taking the desired song or movie while saving time and money.

On the one hand, downloading music and movies for free from the Internet is prohibited by law and to some extent violates copyright. Most states have issued powerful laws against online piracy, which prevent someone to steal someone else's work and present it to the public as his. Furthermore, the media nowadays is constantly talking about how some institutions legally oversee every downloading and record every IP address. Therefore, if you download such content free of charge, you can get big fines.

On the other hand, although the law about downloading prohibited content exists, it still has some loopholes, so the majority of people who are taking advantage of it easily get away without being charged for breaking the same. Those who approve of downloading from the Internet will tell you that downloading music and movies for personal use is not a serious crime. Also, they find it useful because of the simplicity and speed, and because it is free. With just one click, without spending a single penny, in the warmth of their home, they can make an incredible collection of music and movies.

All things considered, downloading from the Internet can be very dangerous, harmful to the authors of certain works but also harmful for people who do not think about the consequences when downloading that same content. However, it is still an easy and quick way for busy people, students and others who do not have time or money to own gorgeous collections. In my opinion, despite the consequences I might face, I will keep downloading songs and music as long as I can, to save my time and money.

SOME USEFUL VOCABULARY

(topic) is one of the most important issues ...

In the last few years/recently, people have been talking a lot about ... (topic)

Since the middle of the 20th century there have been endless discussions about ...(topic)

On the one hand, ...

The first/main/ most important advantage of.../argument for...

It is often suggested/believed/ thought/argued that...

Another/ a further/an additional advantage/argument is ...

Many/some people argue/believe/ suggest/feel that ...

It is strongly felt by many people that ...

Research has shown that ...

On the other hand, ...

The main/most important disadvantage/drawback /downside...

Some/many people are against ...

To put it another way

All things considered,(one side of the argument).However, ...(other side of the argument)

In conclusion,(one side of the argument). However, ... (other side of the argument)

To sum up...

In my opinion, ...

My opinion is that...

It is my belief/opinion/view...

As far as I am concerned, ...

I (strongly) think/believe/feel...

TO LIST ARGUMENTS: to begin/start with, in the first place, secondly, thirdly, finally...

TO ADD MORE POINTS TO THE TOPIC: also, furthermore, what is more, in addition to, besides, moreover, not only...but also, more importantly, what is more, to put it another way...

TO INTRODUCE EXAMPLES/REASONS: for example/instance, like, such as, because, since, therefore, for this reason...

TO SHOW CAUSE/RESULT: consequently, as a result/consequence of, due to, because of this, so that, in order to