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Write an Opinion Essay

Directions: Read the article "Should Your Recess Be Longer?" in the September 2019 issue of *Storyworks*. Fill in the chart on page 27. Then follow the steps below to write an opinion essay.

BEFORE YOU WRITE: CHOOSE YOUR SIDE

An opinion essay is all about stating a view and using evidence to try to convince your readers to agree with you. First, decide where you stand. Should there be more time for recess?

Check the box next to the point of view you will support in your essay.

- Yes! Kids need free time! No! Too many problems!

PARAGRAPH 1: INTRODUCTION

The introduction should get readers' attention, tell them a bit about the topic, and clearly state your opinion.

Write a hook to get readers interested: _____

Write a sentence or two explaining what the debate is all about: _____

Write a sentence that clearly states your opinion on the topic: _____

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PARAGRAPH 2: REASONS AND EVIDENCE

You've already started this part! Your three reasons should be listed in either the "Yes" or the "No" column on page 27. Copy them on the numbered lines below. After each one, add evidence—facts, details, or examples—to support the reason.

Reason 1: _____

Evidence: _____

Reason 2: _____

Evidence: _____

Reason 3: _____

Evidence: _____

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PARAGRAPH 3: CONCLUSION

The last paragraph of your essay is the conclusion. You should write a few sentences restating your main points—but don't add any new ideas. Remember, this is the last thing your readers will see, so make sure to remind them how you've shown that your opinion makes sense.

FINAL STEP!

Now copy your work onto a separate sheet of paper. Remember to indent at the beginning of each paragraph, and use transition words where necessary. Don't forget to proofread!