Opinion paragraphs

Reorganize a hallway-display proposal

Name _____ Date _____

Quick review State a clear opinion for your audience. Organize reasons, develop them with relevant details and finish with a conclusion. Revise before editing.

Example Our class should keep a reading corner because it offers a calm place to focus. This gives an opinion and a reason to develop.

Write to the community center's display committee to recommend a welcome-hallway display for new visitors. Diagnose the rough draft, organize its usable ideas, and revise it into one 100-140-word opinion paragraph. Use only the supplied facts for factual claims. The sample favors the map, but other well-supported recommendations are valid. Apply the rubric as feedback, not an automatic score.

Display facts and a rough draft

[1] The neighborhood map labels six nearby places, including the library, park, and bus stop. The season collage has twelve panels showing seasonal scenes and no place labels. Both displays fit the same available hallway wall. No visitor survey or travel information has been collected.

[2] Rough draft sentences: A: The map labels six nearby places. B: Both displays fit the hallway wall. C: The committee should choose the neighborhood map. D: Everyone will visit every place on it. E: The season collage has twelve panels but no place labels. F: Please choose the map for new visitors.

1. Which rough-draft sentence makes an unsupported claim? Name it and explain why it should be removed or qualified.

2. Arrange the usable lettered sentences into a logical plan. Identify the opening opinion, supporting details, and conclusion; add a note about the reason you will explain.

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Draft and revise using the prompt and planning notes from page 1. More than one strong response is possible.

3. Write a revised 100-140-word paragraph for the committee. Develop the reasons rather than merely copying a list, and replace the unsupported claim with careful reasoning.

4. Write one linking sentence that contrasts the collage with the map in a way that matters to new visitors. Avoid insulting either display or inventing facts.

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These are sample responses and reasoning. Accept other answers that fit the task and are supported by the text or language rule.

Planning / revision 1: Sentence D should be removed. The notes do not show that every visitor will go to every place on the map.
Compare the statement with the actual evidence.

Planning / revision 2: Plan: C, A, E, B, F. Open with the map recommendation, compare the displays' information and equal fit, and conclude with the request. Explain why place labels could help newcomers recognize nearby places.
Start with the decision, group the comparison details, and end with the request.

Planning / revision 4: Although the collage has twelve panels, the map's place labels could help newcomers identify nearby locations.
'Although' connects a fact about the collage with a reason for preferring the map.

One possible paragraph

The display committee should choose the neighborhood map for the community center's welcome hallway. New visitors may want to recognize nearby places, and the map labels six of them. For example, its labels include the library, park, and bus stop. Those names would give visitors specific places to look for instead of leaving them to guess what a picture represents. The season collage has twelve panels, but it does not label neighborhood places. Both displays fit the same wall, so wall space does not decide the choice. For a hallway meant to welcome newcomers, I think useful place labels matter more than the number of panels. Please select the map for this location.

Feedback checklist

Use these criteria to discuss the model. Scan the lesson QR for the full three-level rubric; no automatic score is assigned.

Opinion and Purpose: States a clear opinion and maintains a respectful recommendation suited to the named audience and purpose.

Reasons and Evidence: Develops relevant reasons with accurate supplied details and explains how the details support the opinion without inventing claims.

Organization and Linking: Groups reasons logically, uses clear links between ideas, and ends with a conclusion that follows from the opinion and support.

Clarity and Conventions: Uses precise wording and complete sentences; grammar, capitalization, spelling, and punctuation make the meaning clear.

Revise, then edit

1. Put a clear recommendation before the supporting comparison and a related request at the end.
2. Remove claims about what everyone will do; explain a possible benefit using the actual display features.
3. Check that shared features, such as fitting the wall, are not presented as advantages unique to one choice.
4. Improve the links between reasons, then proofread complete sentences, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.