

Prep for the SBAC CAASPP Test with **OPINION BRIEF WRITES**

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10 PRINTABLE ESSAYS

INTRODUCTION	One strong argument for starting later is that it allows students, especially teenagers, to get the vital sleep they need. Scientific studies show that students' natural sleep cycles make it difficult for them to fall asleep early and wake up early. Starting later aligns better with their body clocks.	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	First, letting a child choose their bedtime teaches them to be responsible for their own health and choices. They learn that if they stay up too late, they will feel tired and cranky the next day, which is a natural consequence. This self-management is an important skill for when they become adults.	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	One reason to allow snacks is that they can help students stay focused and prevent afternoon energy slumps. When a student is hungry, it is hard to concentrate on the teacher or the lesson. A small, healthy snack, like a piece of fruit or some crackers, can boost their energy and help them stay sharp.	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	One benefit of living in a large city is the huge variety of jobs, activities, and educational opportunities. Cities have museums, theaters, zoos, and diverse restaurants, all within a short distance. This makes for a very exciting life with new things to see and do every single day. Another important point is that	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	One reason to pay students for good grades is that it acts as a strong motivation for them to work harder. Just like adults earn money for doing a good job, a reward system for school can encourage students to study more, pay attention, and put in the extra effort required to succeed. Also, giving money for grades teaches children important lessons about economics and rewards. It shows them that effort leads to financial gain and teaches them how to budget or save the money they earn. This gives them an early start on managing their personal finances as they get older. Most importantly, this system	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	One good thing about being an only child is that you get the full, undivided attention of your parents. You don't have to share their time, energy, or resources, meaning you might get more help with homework, more opportunities for special lessons,	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	One benefit of a four-day week is that it can save the school district a large amount of money. Closing the school building on one extra day means saving money on electricity, heating and cooling, bus fuel, and cafeteria staff. These savings can then be put back into other school programs like art, music, or	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	First, social media is a big distraction that can hurt a student's focus and grades. Kids might check their phones or think about posts and comments instead of paying attention in class. Giving children access to these apps too early means they might fall behind in their schoolwork.	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	One reason this should be mandatory is that volunteering helps students learn important social and communication skills. When working at a local food bank or cleaning up a park, students interact with different adults and neighbors. They learn how to work as a team and talk respectfully, which are skills not always taught in a textbook. Another important point is that	CONCLUSION
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INTRODUCTION	One argument for choosing your own seat is that it allows students to sit near their friends, which can make them happier and more comfortable. When a student feels relaxed and happy in the classroom, they may be more willing to participate in discussions and enjoy the school day, making learning easier. Also, choosing seats allows students to find the spot where they feel they learn best. Some students prefer to be right up front, while others like to sit in the back corner away from distractions. Giving them this choice lets them manage their own learning environment to maximize their personal focus.

KIDS READ & ANALYZE THE EXISTING ESSAY BODY PARAGRAPHS

Read the Essay

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INTRODUCTION		CONCLUSION	OPINION ESSAY BODY PARAGRAPHS	AN OPINION ESSAY INCLUDES:	TITLE & COVER ART
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	Also, students and teachers would enjoy a valuable three-day weekend every week. This longer break allows families to take short trips, attend appointments, or simply rest and recharge without worrying about rushing back to school the next morning. Teachers can use the extra day for planning lessons or professional development, leading to better classroom instruction.		Author's Opinion:	BODY PARAGRAPHS ☐ Transition Word or Phrase ☐ Topic Sentence that includes the reason for your opinion ☐ Evidence (facts, statistics, examples, expert quotes) ☐ Explanation or Analysis	
	Most importantly, some communities report improved student attendance rates with a four-day schedule. Because students know they have a three-day break coming, they are less likely to fake an illness or skip school on Friday. Higher attendance means more class time for everyone, which can help students succeed.		Reasons for the Opinion: 1. 2. 3.	CONCLUSION ☐ Restate your opinion in a new way ☐ Summarize key points ☐ Call to action or final thought-provoking question or statement	

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KIDS ADD OWN INTRO & CONCLUSION

Guide & Assess Writing with Bookmark based on SBAC Brief Write Rubric

INTRODUCTION

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One strong argument for starting later is that it allows students, especially teenagers, to get the vital sleep they need. Scientific studies show that students' natural sleep cycles make it difficult for them to fall asleep early and wake up early. Starting later aligns better with their body clocks, ensuring they are not sleepy in first period.

In addition, a later start time can improve student attendance and reduce tardiness. If students are not fighting their bodies' natural desire to sleep, they are less likely to miss the beginning of the school day. When more students are present and on time, more learning can happen for everyone.

Finally, starting later reduces traffic congestion around the school campus. Rushing to get everyone to school during peak traffic hours is stressful and creates safety hazards. A later start could move school drop-off times outside of the busiest morning traffic, making the commute smoother and safer.

CONCLUSION

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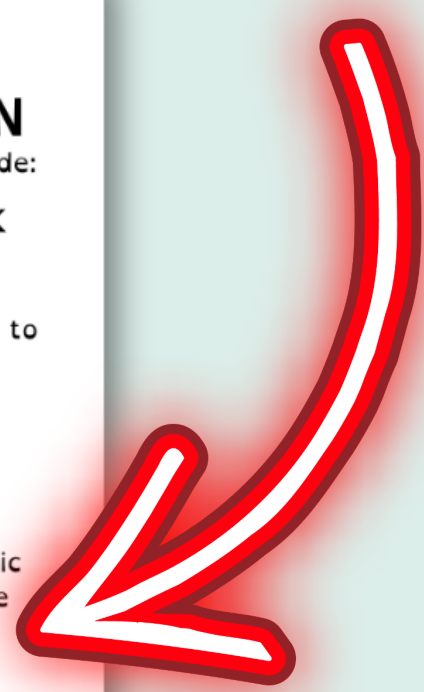
The beginning of an essay should include:

- ☐ **ATTENTION-GRABBING HOOK**
Make a bold statement, ask a question, share a brief, relevant story, or share a startling statistic to hook your reader and make them want to read more.
- ☐ **TOPIC BACKGROUND**
Give important context and background information on the topic to help your reader understand the topic, situation, or problem.
- ☐ **CLEAR, STRONG OPINION**
Make a strong statement that shows your position or opinion on the topic.

THE CONCLUSION

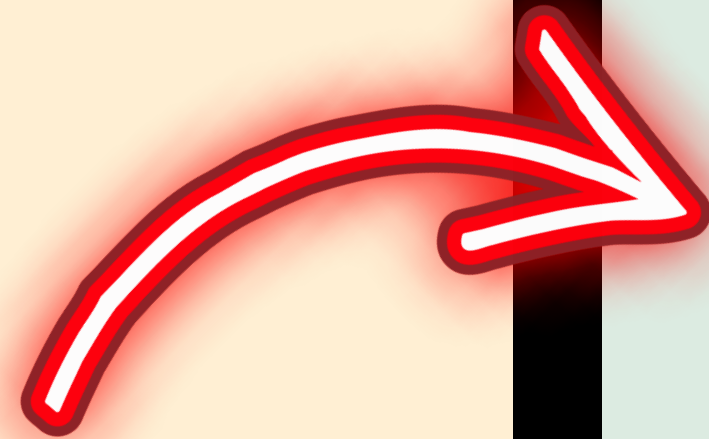
The end of the essay should include:

- ☐ **RESTATE YOUR OPINION**
Rephrase your opinion in a new way to remind the reader of your position on the topic.
- ☐ **SUMMARIZE KEY POINTS**
Briefly sum up your main arguments
- ☐ **LASTING IMPRESSION**
What do you want your reader to do next? Give your call to action or final thought-provoking question/statement.



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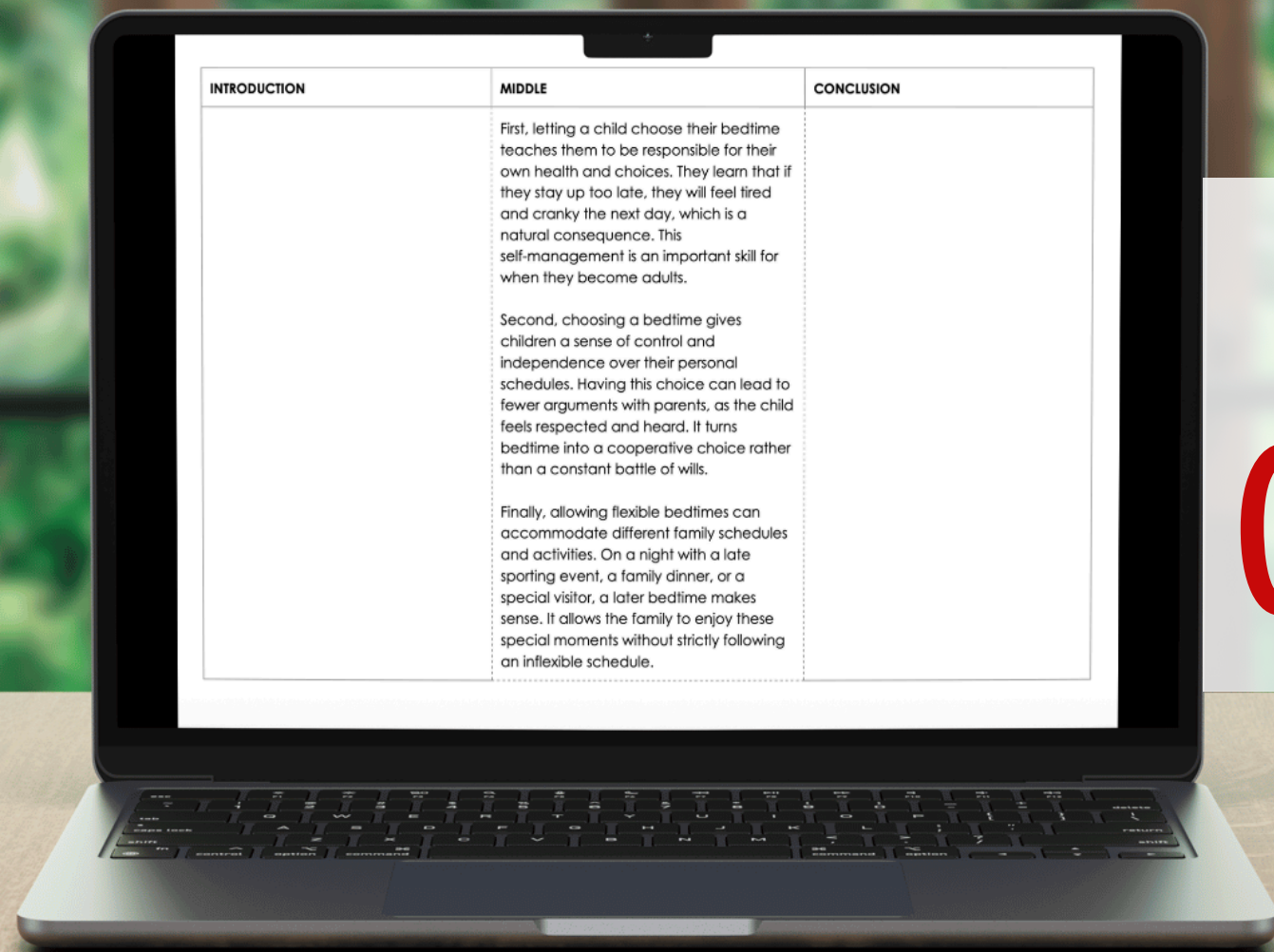
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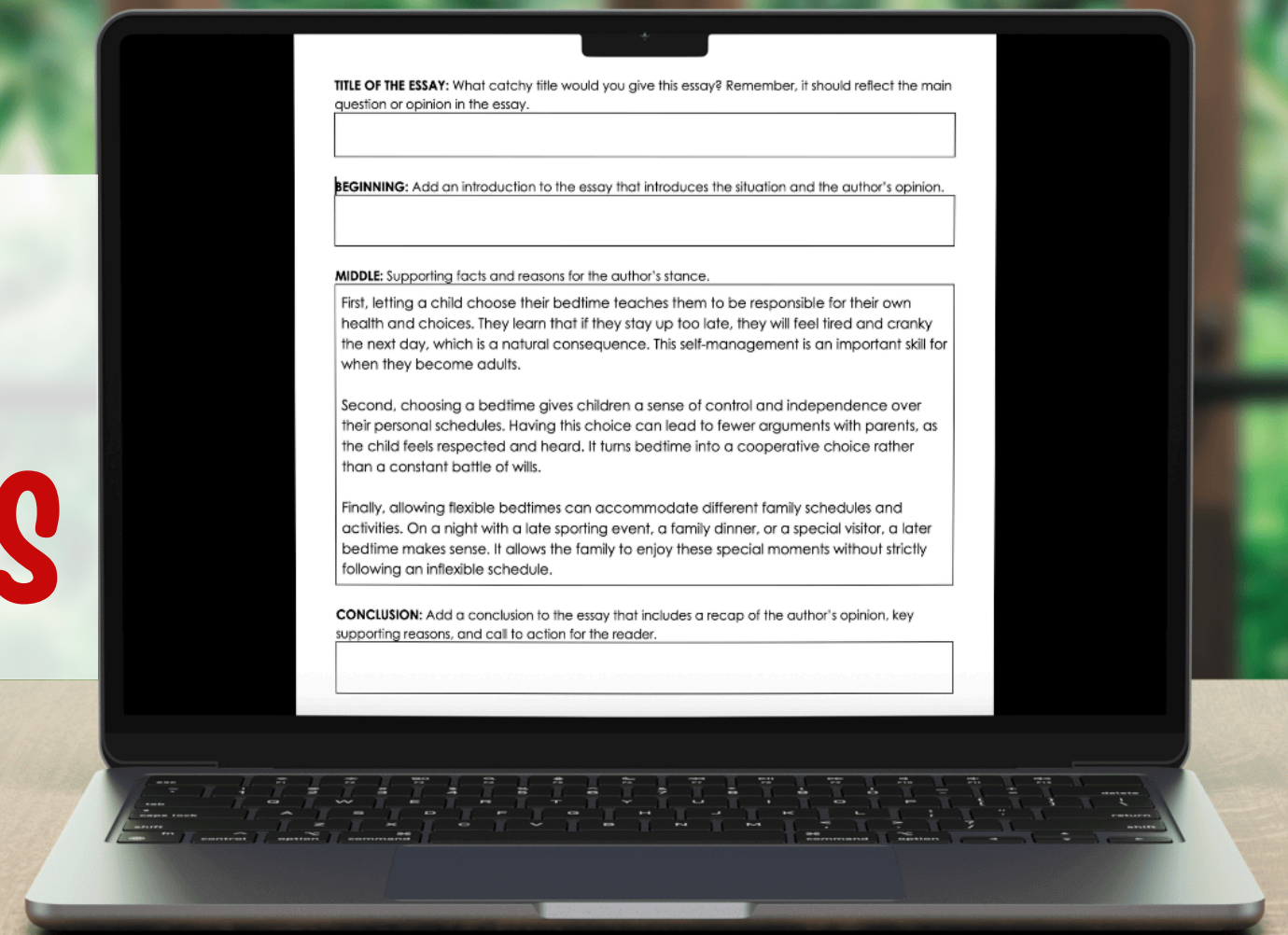
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