

Argumentative Essay (Guided Essay)
Grade 11 English

Write about the following topic:

Keeping animals in captivity is cruel. There is no reason for zoos to exist in the 21st century.

How far do you agree or disagree with this?

Essay Plan

Introduction (Paragraph 1)

Step 1: Read and underline the key words in the writing topic

Step 2: Write down meaning of phrases from question:

1. Keeping animals	
2. Captivity	
3. in captivity	
4. is cruel	
5. no reason for	
6. zoos to exist	
7. 21st century	
8. How far	
9. Agree	
10. disagree	

Step 3: Using new words (synonyms) write an opening sentence:

Step 4: Add a Thesis statement to your opening sentence

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The Body (Paragraphs 2 & 3)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement above?

Using your own ideas, knowledge and experience , make a list of arguments to support your opinion:

<u>Reasons for Agreement (advantage)</u>	<u>Reasons for Disagreement (disadvantage)</u>

Paragraph 2:

- You should write about the advantages (or disadvantages)
- Start with a topic sentence *Example: _____ has many advantages (or disadvantages)*
- Think of supporting details for the topic sentence
- Introduce each supporting detail with a linking word (organising word)

Paragraph 3

- You should write about the disadvantages (or advantages)
- Follow the same procedure as in **Paragraph 2**

The Conclusion: Paragraph 4

Write down your opinion and advice for the government or the people about the existence of zoos.

- Are you for or against zoos?
- Give reasons
- Advice for the government.

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Write your essay here

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