**Opinion Essay (Capitalized, 16 font, bold, underlined, centered)**

**By: A Model Student R#** (Bold, centered)

**Body of essay – 14 font, tab over to indent, single space**

**Introduction Paragraph - Paragraph #1**

* Umbrella sentence – (Overarching attention grabber – general statement w/o giving away any details)
* Description of issue (Leads to your thesis statement)
* State the condition
* Thesis Statement –
* Opinion Statement (what you are going to do)
* Position (3 reasons to support your decision ( \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.)

**Paragraph #2**

* Transition between paragraph 1 and 2 – (To begin with,…)

**Make Sure to Add:**

* Strong historical vocabulary
* Persuasive language
* An expert quote
* Subheadings
* A counter argument
* Body of Paragraph 2
* Topic Sentence
* 3 reasons/details/facts
* Example for each – For example,
* Concluding sentence

**Paragraph #3**

* Transition between paragraph 2 and 3 – (In addition to …,)
* Body of Paragraph 3
* Topic Sentence
* 3 reasons/details/facts
* Example for each – For example,
* Concluding sentence

**Paragraph #4**

* Transition between paragraph 3 and 4 – (Finally,)
* Body of Paragraph 4
* Topic Sentence
* 3 reasons/details/facts
* Example for each – For example,
* Concluding sentence

**Paragraph #5**

* Transition between paragraph 4 and 5 - (In conclusion,)
* Body of Paragraph 5
* Restate thesis creatively –
* Summarize 3 reasons – (\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.)
* Call to action, quote, or closing statement