

How to Write an Editorial

World History II

An editorial is an article that presents the author's opinion on an issue. The writer creates an argument, supports it with facts, and tries to persuade others to think the same way he or she does. In essence, it is an opinionated news article.

Editorials generally contain the following:

- Introduction, body paragraphs, and conclusion like any other news story
- Objective explanation of the story
- Opinions from opposing viewpoints
- Opinions of the writer that refute the opposing viewpoints
- Potential solutions to the problem or issue being criticized
- Concise conclusion which summarizes the writer's opinion

Steps to writing an editorial

1. Pick a topic that would interest readers unless a topic has been assigned to you.
2. Research your topic by collecting information and facts. This information should be objective.
3. Start writing your editorial by presenting an objective explanation of the issue. Include the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the issue.
4. Then start presenting your opinion on the issue. Use facts and quotations to support your opinion.
5. Refute the opposition's opinion. Discuss their view and start critiquing their argument.
6. Give solutions to the problem or issue that goes beyond common knowledge.
7. Wrap up your editorial in your conclusion which restates your argument. A quotation or rhetorical question can be effective here.
8. Reread your argument and make the necessary edits. Is your grammar correct? Does your argument make sense? Do you present the other side and show why or how they are incorrect?