



DARE to DEFEND

The parts of a good opinion paper include:

- D → Develop** a position statement
- A → Add** supporting arguments
- R → Report** and refute counter-arguments
- E → End** with a strong conclusion

The steps to write a good opinion paper are:

- D → Develop** a list of idea words for my essay
- E → Evaluate** their importance
- F → Find** even more ways to convince my readers
- E → Encourage** myself through self-talk
- N → Now** write an essay with clear ideas, sharp sentences, and great impact
- D → Decide** if I met my writing goals

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Opinion Paper Planning Sheet

Author: _____ Date: _____

My quality goal for this essay is: _____

My quantity goal for this essay is: _____

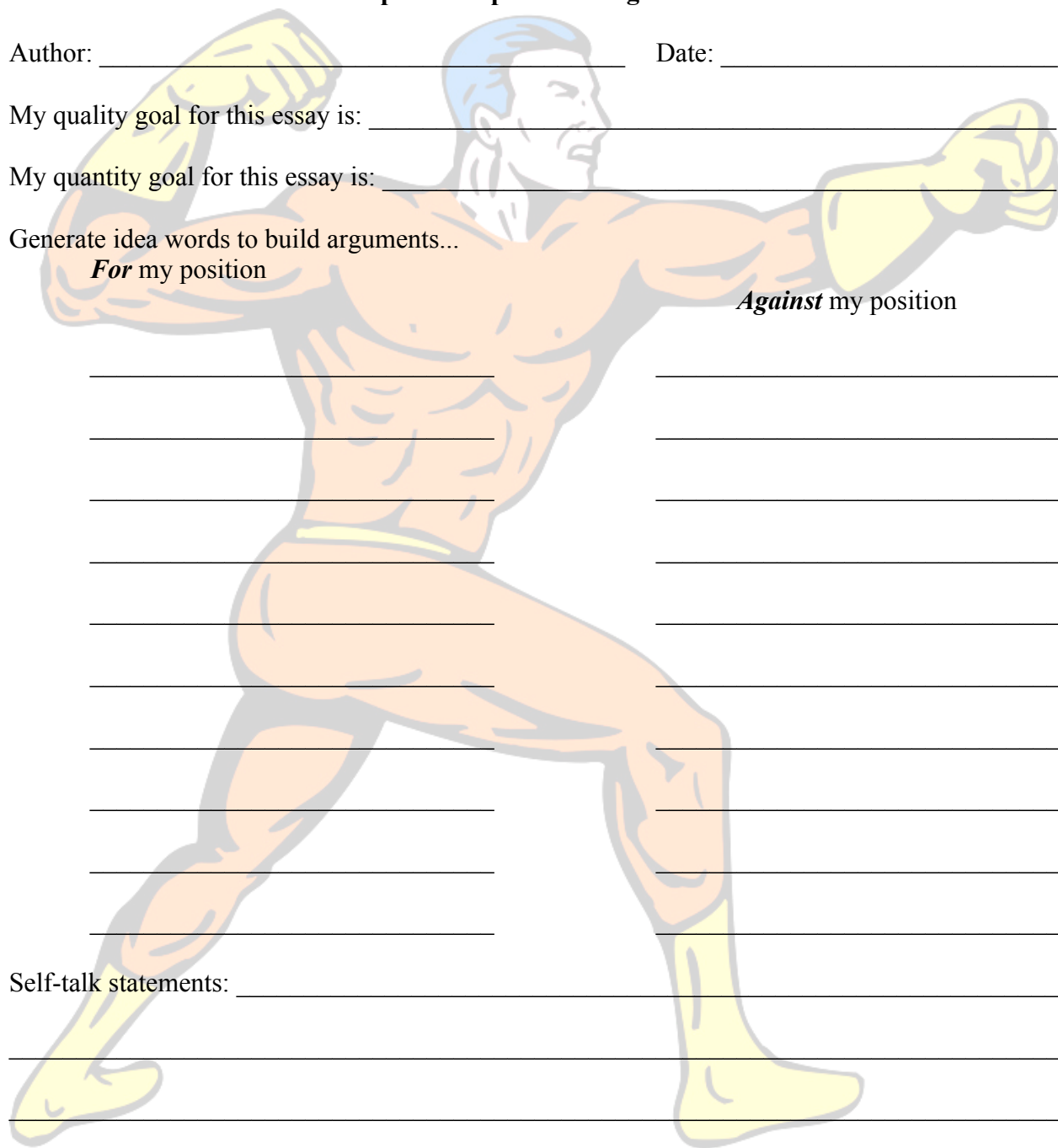
Generate idea words to build arguments...

For my position

Against my position

_____	_____
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Self-talk statements: _____





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Score Card for Opinion Paper

Author: _____ Partner: _____

Points

- 1 = Needs a lot more work
- 2 = Could be a little better
- 3 = Pretty good the way it is
- 4 = Terrific, other kids should see this

Questions for Your Partner

After reading and marking the author's essay, answer the following:

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| 1. Does the writer use lots of descriptive words? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2. Does the writer use different kinds of sentences that are clear? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 3. Is the essay convincing? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 4. Does the essay include logical supporting ideas? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5. Does the writer include and logically refute counterarguments? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 6. Is the paper free of errors (such as in spelling and punctuation)? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Author Goals

My total points this time was _____

My score did did not go up from last time

The quality goal for my next essay is _____ points

Next time I will try to improve my score most for question number 1 2 3 4 5 6

I also have set a quantity goal for my next essay of _____