

Background, Stance & Body

Opinion Writing

TODAY

*We will learn a **basic structure of opinion writing.***

*I will **create a draft structure** using the topic I researched and prepared previously.*

ON YOUR OWN

Read this beginning to an opinion article:

What is confusing about this from your perspective? Also, what is the author's opinion?

The school brought the turtles in as a joke. Some people thought it was funny. Others did not.

The turtles escaped last night.

ON YOUR OWN

*Read this beginning to
an opinion article:*

**What is confusing
about this from your
perspective? Also,
what is the author's
opinion?**

What turtles? How did they
escape? I'm lost if I'm not
already in on this story.

I have no idea what the
opinion of the author is based
on the first two paragraphs.

YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED

1. *Start with a **background** sentence explaining enough of the situation **to give readers context.***
2. *Have a **clear and direct stance** after the background paragraph.*
3. *Start the **body** of the article **after the stance** to educate and persuade the reader using complete arguments.*