



Global Issues

Essay planning bank: young people and global problems

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether young people can help solve global problems. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Young people can raise awareness online.'

'Small actions can spread.'

'Adults have more power to make decisions.'

'Some problems are too large for individuals.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: global problems can include poverty, conflict and climate change Issue: whether young people can make a real difference My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: young people can raise awareness online Reason / example: Extra idea: small actions may influence others Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: adults often have more power to make decisions Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: young people should take action while also expecting leaders to act Reason:	☐ In my opinion,... ☐ A balanced solution would be... ☐ This would allow...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ For these reasons,... ☐ The most sensible view is...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

Essay title _____

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Essay planning bank: charity work

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether schools should encourage students to support charities. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Charity work teaches empathy.'

'It helps people in need.'

'Students should not feel forced.'

'Some fundraising events interrupt lessons.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: charity work can involve fundraising, volunteering or awareness campaigns Issue: whether schools should encourage it My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: charity work can teach empathy Reason / example: Extra idea: it may help people in need Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: students should not feel forced to take part Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should offer meaningful charity activities without overloading students Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ Therefore,... ☐ To conclude,...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

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Essay planning bank: learning about world news

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether students should learn more about world news at school. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'It helps students understand the world.'

'It can improve critical thinking.'

'Some news is too upsetting.'

'Lessons should focus on exam subjects.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: world news can help students understand events beyond their own community Issue: whether it should be part of school learning My overall view:	☐ Recently,... ☐ The question is whether... ☐ I believe that...
Argument in favour	Idea: news can help students understand the world Reason / example: Extra idea: it may improve critical thinking Detail / example:	☐ One clear benefit is... ☐ As a result,... ☐ This could help...
Argument against	Concern: some news can be upsetting or difficult Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ A possible concern is... ☐ Even so,... ☐ This might mean that...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: schools should discuss news carefully and link it to learning Reason:	☐ In my opinion,... ☐ A balanced solution would be... ☐ This would allow...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ For these reasons,... ☐ The most sensible view is...

Write your essay

Write an essay for your teacher. Discuss both sides, give examples and make your own opinion clear.

Essay title _____

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Essay planning bank: international cooperation

Exam-style essay task

Your class has recently discussed whether countries should work together more closely to solve global issues. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay giving your opinion about this topic.

In your essay, you should discuss both sides of the argument and give your own view.

Here are some comments from students to help you:

'Some problems affect every country.'

'Sharing knowledge can save time.'

'Countries have different priorities.'

'It can be difficult to agree on solutions.'

Now write an essay for your teacher.

The comments may give you some ideas, and you should also use ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your essay. Add reasons, examples and a clear opinion.

Section	Ideas / Useful language	Linking phrases to tick
Introduction	Context: many global issues do not stop at national borders Issue: whether countries should cooperate more closely My overall view:	☐ Some people believe... ☐ This essay will consider... ☐ In my view,...
Argument in favour	Idea: some problems affect every country Reason / example: Extra idea: sharing knowledge can help create better solutions Detail / example:	☐ One argument in favour is... ☐ For example,... ☐ This means that...
Argument against	Concern: countries may have different priorities Why / effect: Extra point: Possible balance:	☐ On the other hand,... ☐ However,... ☐ This can lead to...
My view	My opinion: Best solution: international cooperation is necessary but needs realistic agreements Reason:	☐ I partly agree because... ☐ The best approach would be... ☐ Instead of...
Conclusion	Final judgement: Closing sentence:	☐ Overall,... ☐ Therefore,... ☐ To conclude,...

Write your essay

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