

Name: _____ Date: _____

What Do You Think?

Directions: Read the article "Are Trampolines Too Dangerous?" on pages 26-27 in the September 2016 issue of *Storyworks Jr.* Use this sheet to fill in support for each side.

Yes

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

No

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Study the points on both sides of the argument. Then think about your own opinion.

State your opinion in one sentence below. It can become the thesis statement for an essay on this topic.

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Write an Opinion Essay

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Step 1: Choose Your Side

An opinion essay is all about expressing a view and backing it up with supporting evidence, or details. So the first step is to decide what you think. **Are trampolines too dangerous?** Check (✓) the box next to the point of view you will support in your essay.

Yes!

No!

Step 2: Write an Introduction

The introduction is where you tell your readers what your essay is going to be about. In an opinion essay, it's where you grab the readers' attention and state your opinion. Start with a catchy sentence about the topic. (*Example for a "Yes" opinion: Did you know that 100,000 Americans get hurt on trampolines every year?*) Then state your opinion on whether trampolines are too dangerous. You may use the sentence you wrote at the bottom of page 27.

Your introduction: _____

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Step 3: Find Your Supporting Evidence

You've already done most of this on page 27! Copy the reasons you listed for the side you're taking. Include any extra details you find in the article to support your reasons.

Reason 1: _____

Reason 2: _____

Reason 3: _____

Step 4: Write a Conclusion

The last paragraph of your essay is your conclusion. Write one or two sentences that restate your main idea.

Your conclusion: _____

Now, on a separate sheet of paper, use what you've written here to create your opinion essay.