

LIBERAL STUDIES ADVICE SHEET 6

WRITING RESPONSES TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: INTRODUCTIONS & CONCLUSIONS

Your introduction needs to be concise, but it still needs to include the following:

- Introduce the topic/issue in the newspaper article
- State your overall opinion on the topic/issue or your overall opinion on the writer's point of view
- Explain how you are going to respond

EXAMPLE INTRODUCTION:

There is no doubt that some students, especially in Band 3 schools, do behave badly and their behaviour makes it difficult for other students to concentrate and can have a bad effect on class mood. Nevertheless, **I believe that** the situation is complicated and just separating those students may not be the best solution. **In this response, I will** explain why I hold this opinion and why I do not entirely agree with the writer.

Your conclusion should include the following:

- A summary of your key ideas
- A final statement of your overall opinion

Phrases like these are useful in a conclusion:

To sum up

Overall

In conclusion

To conclude

In the final analysis

Ultimately

EXAMPLE CONCLUSION

In conclusion, before we send difficult students to a special school, we should look at factors such as the quality of teaching. This is because separating the students will affect them and society in a bad way.