

Topic: “Is Artificial Intelligence a threat to humanity or society?”

- **Choose a position.** Students should think about the issue and pick the side they wish to advocate.
- **Do the research.** A persuasive essay depends upon solid, convincing evidence. Don't rely on a single source. Pull information from multiple websites and reference materials. There is no substitute for knowledge of both sides of the issue.
- **Identify the most convincing evidence,** as well as the key points for the opposing view.
- **Create an outline.** Organize the evidence to build the strongest possible argument.

1. Introductory Paragraph

- Grab the reader's attention by using a “hook.” Open with an unusual fact or statistic, a question or quotation, or an emphatic statement.
- Give an overview of the argument.
- Close with a thesis statement that reveals the position to be argued. The thesis statement should leave no doubts about your position.

2. Body Paragraphs

- Each body paragraph should focus on one piece of evidence.
- Within each paragraph, provide sufficient supporting facts, statistics, or quotes from experts. The sources of your information must be cited using MLA format.

3. Opposing View Paragraph

- Describe and then refute the key points of the opposing view.

4. Concluding Paragraph

- Restate and reinforce the thesis and supporting evidence. The concluding paragraph should summarize the most important evidence and encourage the reader to adopt the position or take action.