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LESSON 8: Making a Stand Based on Informed Opinion

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Cite evidences in constructing a paragraph based on informed opinion.
2. Make a stand based on informed opinion
3. Construct coherent paragraph based on informed opinion.

PRETEST

Directions: Read the statements carefully. Put a check (✓) if the statement has a strong stand about the topic and cross (X) if it is not.

- _____ 1. The Philippine education system is struggling to adapt to the sudden and major shift to distance learning during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- _____ 2. Families who have more disposable income find themselves in a more fortunate situation, but online learning still proves to be difficult.
- _____ 3. Online learning modality is the best solution to continue the education of the children.
- _____ 4. According the World Health Organization (WHO) and America Optometric Association recommends the 20/20/20 rule, to take care the eyesight of the learners.
- _____ 5. Because of the pandemic, many people sort to steam inhalation in treating the Covid-19.
- _____ 6. Last 2019, 86% of the infant's population worldwide received three doses of DTP3 vaccine according to World Health Organization (WHO).
- _____ 7. Many believed that the vaccine is the primary weapon to end up the Covid-19 virus.
- _____ 8. We now have vaccines to prevent more than 20 life-threatening diseases, helping people of all ages live longer, healthier lives. Immunization currently prevents 2-3 million deaths every year from diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza and measles.
- _____ 9. Experts believed that healthy lifestyle, proper hygiene and practice social distancing will help flattening the curve of the pandemic.
- _____ 10. Many believed that with the advent of the pandemic, it is now the end of the world.

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LOOKING BACK TO YOUR LESSON

CONCEPT

Informed opinion is a belief, judgment or way of thinking about something based on information.

When you make a stand, you have the following evidences to support your opinion. The following are the supporting evidences to agree or go against something or someone.

1. Factual Knowledge- Information that is verifiable and agreed upon by almost everyone.

2. Statistical Inferences- Interpretations and examples of an accumulation of facts.

3. Personal Testimony- Personal experience related by a knowledgeable party.

In this lesson, you will learn what is **informed opinion** and **how to make a stand based on informed opinion**.

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

In writing your stand based on informed opinion here are five steps to be followed:

Step 1: Find Your Topic

Finding a topic might be the most difficult part of writing an opinion essay because the whole essay hinges on a single point—your opinion! Find something that really interests you or that you feel strongly about.

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Step 2: Construct Your Outline

a) Paragraph 1: Introduction

1. Use a hook to engage your audience
2. Introduce your topic
 1. 3 reasons for my opinion
 2. Thesis statement (my main opinion)

b) Paragraph 2:

1. Topic sentence includes your **first reason**
2. Develop the first reason by giving supporting examples, facts, and statements

c) Paragraph 3:

1. Topic sentence includes your **second reason**

Step 3. Develop Your Body Paragraphs

Once you have organized all of your facts in your outline, all you have to do is join them together with bridging language.

Step 4: Write the Introduction and Conclusion

You already have all of your facts laid out in an organized way. Your introduction will merely introduce those facts as a way of preparing your audience to read your essay, and the conclusion will bring finality to your topic.

Step 5: Add Artistic Touches

The last thing you want to do is create the “art” of your essay. The hook element of the introduction and the very last part of your conclusion are the two things that contribute the least to your essay in terms of concrete fact.

Step 5.5: Final Thoughts

1. Cite any material that came from one of your sources.
2. Edit your essay for flow, logic, grammar, and punctuation.

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ACTIVITY NO 1

Directions: Read the article below. Answer the questions that follow.

School Management in a Pandemic

Excerpt from the article written by a Teacher 3 at Magapit National High School in Cagayan.

In times of crisis, leaders are the ones we depend upon to calm our nerves and plan a clear path ahead even if taking that path requires great toil and sacrifice. Faced with almost unbearable pressure and stress, school principals are at the forefront of “pandemic learning.” The Covid-19 pandemic prompted educational leaders around the globe to make tough choices. How can they best look after the welfare of their staff and students and come out strong and learned?

Leaders must act swiftly and with foresight but with careful consideration of options, consequences and side effects of actions taken. They must communicate with clarity and purpose but also with empathy and humanity. The pandemic has exacerbated the learning crisis for low-income and middle-income countries in Asia and the Pacific, and this will likely translate into loss in lifetime opportunities and earnings. The flexibility and innovation needed to support a school’s critical academic, social-emotional and custodial functions requires school leaders to acquire and apply new knowledge, skills and capacities in their planning and decision making. An educator once said, “We must plan for the unplanned. We must be able to pivot based on evolving circumstances by altering duties, expectations, procedures, calendars, schedules, curricula and operational practices.”

Improved communication, professional development and technology integration will be necessary to shift schools to be more fluid and responsive. With this flexibility, we can fix problems

1. What is the article about?

2. What are the things that the school management were forced to do during the pandemic?

3. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: “We must plan for the unplanned”? What is your stand about it?

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ACTIVITY NO 2

Directions: Read the sentences below. Choose what type of supporting evidences are they.

1. The vaccine will help the infected person produce antibodies that will fight the virus.
a) factual knowledge b) statistical inference c) personal testimony
2. Sison's family faced a lot of struggles during the pandemic. Two of their family members were found positive carriers of the virus, sadly one of them died. To add more burden, the head of the family was laid off from work. The year 2020 was a difficult year.
a) factual knowledge b) statistical inference c) personal testimony
3. People with existing illnesses are susceptible with the virus.
a) factual knowledge b) statistical inference c) personal testimony
4. The Department of Health (DOH) warned the public of the new strain of Corona virus which is 70 % more contagious than the Covid-19 virus.
a) factual knowledge b) statistical inference c) personal testimony
5. "I feel better after drinking ginger tea with raw honey. It is a very effective natural remedy for sore throat," said Mariane.
a) factual knowledge b) statistical inference c) personal testimony

ACTIVITY NO 3

Directions: Read the following statements below. Interview your family members and ask their stand about it. Ask if they agree or disagree with the statements.

| STATEMENT | AGREE/ DISAGREE | THEIR STAND |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Man is capable of doing great things. | | |
| Life is not possible in outer space. | | |
| With vaccine, you are safe from the virus. | | |

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CHECKING YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Directions: Identify the following descriptions below. Fill in the boxes with the correct answer.

1. A belief or judgement about something based on the information received.
2. An information that talks about the figures and statistical information as an evidence.
3. It is an information that is verifiable and agreed by everybody.
4. A person can have his/her stand for a matter if he/she has related experiences about it.
5. A subjective ideas about the situaion or something of a person without proof or basis.

POST TEST

Directions: What is your stand based on these informed opinions?

Write your answers in the table.

| Informed Opinion | My Stand |
|---|----------|
| The government will purchase vaccines for the Filipino people to combat Corona virus. | |
| Education should continue even during a pandemic. | |

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ANSWER KEY

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ACTIVITY 2 | 1. A |
| | 2. C |
| | 3. A |
| | 4. B |
| | 5. C |
| ACTIVITY 3 | Answers may vary. |
| CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING | |
| | 1. Informed Opinion |
| | 2. Statistical Inferences |
| | 3. Factual Knowledge |
| | 4. Personal Testimony |
| | 5. Opinion |
| | Answers may vary. |

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| ASSESSMENT | PRETEST |
| | 1. ✓ |
| | 2. ✓ |
| | 3. ✓ |
| | 4. ✓ |
| | 5. x |
| | 6. ✓ |
| | 7. x |
| | 8. ✓ |
| | 9. ✓ |
| | 10. x |
| | ACTIVITY 1 |
| | Answers may vary. |