

AN OPINION ESSAY

TOPIC

A teen magazine has asked students to write an essay on the following topic: Some people believe that eating meat is unethical. Others say that it is necessary for good health. What do you think? Write a passage for the magazine, stating and explaining your opinion.

PLAN

<p>Opening Introduces the topic and your opinion.</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>Paragraph 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> become a vegetarian
<p>Body Supports your opinion with reasons, facts and examples. Includes a new idea in each paragraph.</p>	<p>Paragraph 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> animals shouldn't have to suffer <p>Paragraph 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meat isn't necessary for health
<p>Conclusion Restates your opinion.</p>	<p>Paragraph 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> eating meat is immoral and unhealthy

MODEL

TO EAT OR NOT TO EAT?

Many people in recent years have been questioning the moral and health aspects of eating meat. It seems to me that becoming a vegetarian addresses both of these concerns.

Personally, I agree with those who have moral objections to eating meat. Most of the meat we eat today comes from animals raised on factory farms, where the animals are kept in crowded conditions and suffer terribly. In my opinion, we have no right to make animals suffer for our own satisfaction.

Moreover, it has been shown that humans can live well without eating meat. Alternative sources of protein, such as beans, nuts and soya, are readily available. In fact, not eating meat may even be a healthier choice, as animals are given large doses of antibiotics, which we then consume when we eat their meat.

In conclusion, I believe that eating meat is morally unacceptable – and probably unhealthy as well.

Useful Language

in my opinion	it is clear that	obviously
as I see it	there is no doubt that	clearly
I think / feel / believe that	as far as I'm concerned	of course
it seems to me that	personally	(un)fortunately