

## Helpful vs. Unhelpful Op-ed Comments

<p>In the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of the op-ed, you cite (source X) in defense of (argument Y). One weakness in this argument is (well thought out point Z) that is mentioned in (source A). In order for (argument Y) to be convincing, this alternative (point Z) must be dealt with.</p>	<p>This is a terrible op-ed. I disagree with what you are trying to argue for. The reasons you provide are weak. You are weak. The source you cite in defense of your argument is biased. You are biased.</p>
<p>Personally, the introduction did not cause me to be interested in reading the rest of the op-ed. One way the introduction could be more compelling is by discussing how the main idea of the op-ed relates to (current issue X). Here is a link to an article that discusses (current issue X).</p>	<p>Your introduction was boring. You should fix that.</p>
<p>As I read your op-ed, I was initially confused because you started with your opinion and evidence before I as the reader really understood what the issue is about. It could be helpful to provide more context. For example, you could consider moving the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph in front of the current 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.</p>	<p>Your op-ed is structured strangely. Everything is out of order and it makes it really hard to read.</p>
<p>Currently, your op-ed has several long, run-on sentences. For example, this run-on sentence in paragraph 5 (quote the sentence), could be split into two sentences. Also, pay more attention to capitalizing proper nouns. For example, throughout the paper, none of the countries mentioned are capitalized.</p>	<p>Your writing is terrible. You have lots of spelling and grammatical errors. Your writing style also sucks.</p>
<p>I agree with your well-reasoned and clear opinion. Although I find your support convincing, (evidence X) is another piece of evidence that could make your argument even more convincing.</p>	<p>You are such an amazing writer and every word of your op-ed is brilliantly composed. There is absolutely no possible way in which your op-ed could be improved. Great job.</p>

Each op-ed response should contain a summary paragraph. This paragraph demonstrates that the critic has understood the op-ed and signals that the critic is in a position to provide good feedback.

After the summary paragraph, each op-ed response should contain at least two substantial and thoughtful constructive comments. See the above table for examples of helpful vs. unhelpful comments.