

Example of How to Use FREECASH

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**1. First Brainstorm ideas based on the question.**

**Don't worry if you don't have a reason for every category.**

Topic- School Uniforms

Question- What are the Pros and Cons of School Uniforms? Should Public High Schools require students to wear uniforms? Why or Why Not?

Categories	YES	NO
F=Freedom	Dress codes exist all over	Violates Freedom of Choice
R=religion	?	Could Violate Religious Beliefs
E=economic	Less expensive than other clothes	Might cost more than parents are able to spend
E= environment	Less Waste?	
C=convenient	Easier to dress	finding stores that sell hard
A= appearance	Easy identification	Denies individuality
S=safety	Could prevent violence	?
H= health	Could prevent peer pressure	Could cause Depression

**2. Evaluate your ideas. Which ones are more important or carry more weight? Decide which side is stronger.**

**3. Formulate your Thesis based on which side you want to argue.**

## Examples

- Although freedom of choice is important, safety and health concerns for underage students is a much more vital need; thus public schools should implement school uniform policies.
- Because for students, freedom and appearance are more important than arguable safety issues, public schools should not implement school uniforms
- While requiring school uniforms might violate students' expression of individuality, the benefits in health, appearance, and safety suggest that public schools should adopt uniform policies.
- Initially requiring students to wear uniforms seems to deny their freedom of choice; however, this requirement actually prepares students for the workforce where some type of dress code is usually required and so public schools should implement uniform policies.
- Although some would argue that school uniforms decrease gang violence and peer pressure, the violation of students' freedom of choice and individuality when forced to conform to a uniform standard suggests that public schools should not implement uniform policies.

## **4. Create Your Outline and Write Your Essay!**