

Text type	COMMENT (Stellungnahme)
Definition	a text that expresses a <u>personal reaction or attitude</u> towards a given statement
Purpose	<u>prove the validity</u> of a statement/opinion etc.
Some aspects of content and structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - author is <u>free to agree or disagree</u> with a statement - he argues <u>his</u> case - clearly structured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction outlines the topic (in your own words) and may include (dis)agreement with the statement • main part: <u>various aspects</u> of the topic are considered (examples must be included) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>order of the arguments according to their importance</u> (start with the weakest or the strongest argument) ➤ <u>each argument in separate paragraph/ topic sentences</u> • ending may give the topic a wider perspective, point out further points of interest
Some aspects of language and style	<p>diction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - words and phrases to <u>structure</u> your text and <u>link ideas</u> etc. are important - vocabulary to <u>express an opinion</u> - elevated vocabulary <p>register:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - neutral to formal - straight-forward to complex sentence structures <p>tone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - serious
Useful vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In this essay, I am going to ... - Let us begin with ... - It is my belief that ... - It seems to me that ... - Take, for example ... - To start with/First of all/In the first place/Firstly ... - Secondly ... - Eventually/Finally ... - In conclusion, ...
Example	The 20th century is said to be the American century. Comment on this claim. (Abitur LK NT 2009)
Ideas for exercises	give students a task and keywords in any order to be used in an outline; students find a logical structure