

Opinion Writing Rubric

1st Grade English Language Arts

Rubric Scoring Key	Fully meets (4) All criteria present in the writing	Mostly meets (3) Most criteria present, with some misunderstandings	Partially meets (2) Criteria attempted, but major misunderstandings	Does not meet yet (1) Criteria are not attempted or not enough evidence to rate
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Structure	Rubric Score	Notes
Organizational Structure Includes an opinion, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence in the correct order	4 3 2 1	
Introduction Introduces a clear opinion in one sentence May use a sentence stem, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I prefer _____ I feel _____ In my opinion, _____ 	4 3 2 1	
Conclusion Includes a concluding sentence that restates the opinion; <u>may</u> use a different sentence type	4 3 2 1	

Development	Rubric Score	Notes
Reasons Includes 2–3 reasons to support opinion; Reasons are either personal experience, or facts and details	4 3 2 1	

Language	Rubric Score	Notes
Grammar Includes complete simple sentences; Varies sentence types Uses nouns correctly, including common, proper, and possessive nouns; singular and plural nouns with matching verbs; personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns Uses verbs correctly, including past, present, and future verb tense Uses frequently occurring adjectives correctly	4 3 2 1	
Conventions Uses correct capitalization conventions, including beginning of a sentence, "I" pronoun, dates, names of people Uses correct punctuation conventions, including end of a sentence, commas in dates, commas to separate single words in a series	4 3 2 1	