

Opinion Writing Rubric

3rd 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 Writes a complete paragraph that states their opinion, includes a topic sentence, lists the relevant reasons that support their opinion, and includes a concluding sentence; Uses third-person to state an opinion consistently	4 3 2 1	
Introduction Clearly states a topic and opinion; Introduction <u>may</u> use a lead that captures the reader's interest, such as posing a question or starting with a fact	4 3 2 1	
Conclusion Includes a concluding sentence that restates the opinion; Concluding sentence(s) may ask a question or make a suggestion	4 3 2 1	

Development	Rubric Score	Notes
Reasons Includes three or more relevant reasons to support opinion; reasons may be from personal experience, facts, or details; Effectively chooses compelling reasons and orders most compelling reasons first	4 3 2 1	
Linking Words and Phrases Effectively and consistently uses linking words or phrases to connect opinion and reasons	4 3 2 1	

Language	Rubric Score	Notes
Grammar Includes complete simple, compound, and complex sentences; uses coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to construct compound and complex sentences Uses correct subject-verb and pronoun-antecedent agreement; Uses nouns correctly, including regular and irregular plural nouns and abstract nouns; Uses verbs correctly, including simple verb tenses and regular and irregular verbs; Uses adjectives and adverbs correctly, including comparative and superlative adverbs	4 3 2 1	
Conventions Uses correct capitalization conventions, including words in titles; Uses correct punctuation conventions, including commas in addresses, commas and quotation marks in dialogue, and apostrophes in possessives	4 3 2 1	