

# Opinion Writing Rubric

## Kindergarten English Language Arts

| Rubric Scoring Key | Fully meets (4)<br>All criteria present in the writing | Mostly meets (3)<br>Most criteria present, with some misunderstandings | Partially meets (2)<br>Criteria attempted, but major misunderstandings | Does not meet yet (1)<br>Criteria are not attempted or not enough evidence to rate |
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| Structure  | Rubric Score | Notes |
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| <b>Introduction</b><br>Introduces a clear opinion statement in one sentence at the beginning of writing<br><br>Uses an opinion sentence stem, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think _____</li> <li>I believe _____</li> <li>My favorite _____</li> </ul> | 4 3 2 1      |       |

| Development   | Rubric Score | Notes |
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| <b>Reasons</b><br>Includes 2–3 reasons to support opinion;<br>Reasons are either personal experience, or facts or details | 4 3 2 1      |       |

| Language  | Rubric Score | Notes |
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| <b>Grammar</b><br>Includes complete sentences<br><br>Uses nouns correctly, including regular plural nouns<br><br>Uses verbs correctly   | 4 3 2 1      |       |
| <b>Conventions</b><br>Uses correct capitalization conventions consistently, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning of a sentence</li> <li>"I" pronoun</li> <li>End of a sentence</li> </ul> Recognizes and names end punctuation | 4 3 2 1      |       |