

Name: _____ Date: _____

Understanding the Animal Kingdom

Single Point Opinion Writing Rubric

3rd Grade English Language Arts

	Areas for Growth What could I do to make my writing even stronger? How can I improve?	Criteria Expectations for my writing assignment:	Strengths What am I doing well already? What am I proud of?
Structure		I include a topic sentence that clearly states my opinion, three or more reasons that support the opinion, and a concluding statement.	
		I use the third-person throughout my story.	
Topic Sentence		I clearly state a topic and opinion and include a lead that captures the reader's interest.	
Concluding Sentence		I include a concluding sentence that restates my opinion.	
Reasons		I include three or more relevant reasons from personal experience, facts, or details.	
		I put my most convincing reason first.	

Linking Words		I use linking words or phrases (such as <i>because, also, for example, in addition</i>) to connect the opinion and reasons clearly.	
Diagram		My diagram includes clear, accurate labels for important body parts.	
		My diagram shows how the animal's body parts or adaptations help it survive.	
		My diagram is neat, organized, and easy for the reader to understand.	