

## Opinion Essay Writing Rubric (Grades 3-5)

Score	4	3	2	1
Purpose, Focus, and Organization	<p>The response is fully sustained and consistently focused within the purpose, audience, and task; and it has a clearly stated opinion and effective organizational structure creating coherence and completeness. The response includes most of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly maintained opinion with little or no loosely related material</li> <li>• Skillful use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas</li> <li>• Logical progression of ideas from beginning to end with a satisfying introduction and conclusion</li> </ul>	<p>The response is adequately sustained and generally focused within the purpose, audience, and task; and it has an opinion and evident organizational structure with a sense of completeness. The response includes most of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maintained opinion, though some loosely related material may be present</li> <li>• Adequate use of transitional strategies with some variety to clarify the relationships between and among ideas</li> <li>• Adequate progression of ideas from beginning to end with a sufficient introduction and conclusion</li> </ul>	<p>The response is somewhat sustained within the purpose, audience, and task but may include loosely related or extraneous material; and it may not consistently use transitional strategies with little variety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end and an inadequate introduction or conclusion</li> </ul>	<p>The response is related to the topic but may demonstrate little or no awareness of the purpose, audience, and task; and it may not have a discernible opinion and little or no discernible organizational</p>

## Opinion Essay Writing Rubric (Grades 5)

Score	4	3	2	1
<b>Evidence and Elaboration</b>	<p>The response provides thorough and convincing support/evidence for the writer's opinion that includes the effective use of sources, facts, and details. The response includes most of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant evidence integrated smoothly and thoroughly with references to sources</li> <li>• Effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques, demonstrating understanding of the topic and text</li> <li>• Clear and effective expression of ideas, using precise language</li> <li>• Academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> <li>• Varied sentence structure, demonstrating language facility</li> </ul>	<p>The response provides adequate support/evidence for the writer's opinion that includes the use of sources, facts, and details. The response includes most of the following:</p>		