

# Opinion Writing Rubric

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	Opinion is clearly conveyed and focused; it is clear which Native American Group is preferred.	Organization is clear and effective, creating a sense of cohesion. The conclusion restates the original opinion.	Evidence is thorough and persuasive, and includes facts and details.	Ideas are clearly and effectively conveyed, using precise language and/or domain-specific vocabulary.	Command of conventions is strongly demonstrated.
3	Opinion is clear and adequately supported; it is mostly clear which Native American group is preferred.	Organization is clear, though minor flaws are present and some ideas may be disconnected. The conclusion somewhat restates the original opinion.	Evidence is adequate and includes details and some examples to support opinion.	Ideas are adequately conveyed, using both precise and more general language; may include domain-specific vocabulary.	Command of conventions is sufficiently demonstrated.
2	Opinion is somewhat supported; lacks focus or includes unnecessary material; it expresses opinions about each group and does not indicate a clear preference.	Organization is inconsistent, and flaws are apparent. The conclusion does not restate the original opinion.	Evidence is uneven or incomplete. Insufficient use of details and examples to support opinion.	Ideas are unevenly conveyed, using overly simplistic language; lacks domain-specific vocabulary.	Command of conventions is uneven.
1	The response may be confusing, unfocused; opinion not sufficiently supported; it is not at all clear which group is preferred.	Organization is poor or nonexistent. There is no conclusion.	Evidence is poor or nonexistent.	Ideas are conveyed in a vague, unclear, or confusing manner.	There is very little command of conventions.
0	Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no response is given</li> <li>student does not demonstrate adequate command of writing a compare-and-contrast opinion essay</li> <li>response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic</li> </ul>				