Opinion Writing Rubric

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	Opinion piece is clearly focused on the opinion and reasons for one item from the book.	Opinion piece clearly and effectively names the topic, states an opinion, gives reasons using information and details from book, and provides a sense of closure.	Opinion piece includes information and details from the text that strongly support the reasons.	Opinion and reasons are clearly and effectively conveyed using precise language.	Command of conventions is strongly demonstrated.
3	Opinion piece is generally focused on the opinion and reasons for one item from the book.	Opinion piece has minor flaws in naming the topic, stating an opinion, giving reasons using information and details from book, or providing a sense of closure.	Opinion piece includes some information and details from the text that somewhat support the reasons.	Opinion and reasons are adequately conveyed using appropriate language and vocabulary.	Command of conventions is sufficiently demonstrated.
2	Opinion piece lacks focus on the opinion and reasons for one item from the book.	Opinion piece is inconsistent in naming the topic, stating an opinion, giving reasons using information and details from book, or providing a sense of closure.	Opinion piece does not include adequate information and details from the book to support the reasons.	Opinion and reasons are unevenly conveyed using some appropriate language and vocabulary.	Command of conventions is uneven.
1	Opinion piece is not focused on an opinion or reasons for one item from the book.	Organization of the opinion piece is poor or nonexistent.	Support for reasons is poor or nonexistent.	Opinion and reasons are conveyed in a vague, unclear, or confusing manner.	Very little command of conventions is demonstrated.
0	Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: • No response is given. • Child does not demonstrate adequate command of opinion writing traits. • Response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic.				