

Opinion Writing Resources For 2nd Grade - Made During Covid!

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OTHER:

Mentor Texts for Opinion Writing:

[Link to these resources:](#)

True Story of 3 Pigs - Do you believe him? Why or Why not?

[14 other books at this link:](#)

A List of Opinion Writing Mentor Texts:

- Duck Rabbit by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- I Wanna Iguana by Karen Kaufmann Orloff
- Red is Best by Kathy Stinson
- Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings
- The Big Bed by Bunmi Laditan
- *Hey Little Ant* by Phillip and Hannah Hoose
- *I Don't Want to Be a Frog* by Dev Petty
- *My Teacher for President* by Kay Winters
- *The Perfect Pet* by Margie Palatini
- *I Wanna New Room* by Karen Kaufman Orloff
- *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *Earrings* by Judith Viorst
- *Don't Let Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems
- *Click, Clack, Moo* by Doreen Cronin
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- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt

What is a Fact?

A fact is something that can be proven true.



"It is raining today."

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What is an Opinion?

An opinion is a person's thoughts, feelings, or beliefs about something.



"I love rainy days!"

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[20 Motivating and Engaging Prompts: Plus other info / ways to teach opinion writing](#)

- If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be? Give 3 or more reasons why.
- Should students be able to pick their own seats in class?
- Think of a present you really want. Now convince someone to buy it for you.
- What is the best pet someone can get?
- Would you rather live somewhere that's extremely hot or cold?
- Which sport is the best? Give reasons to support your opinion.
- If you could visit any place, what would it be and why?
- Would you rather live on a rural farm or in a busy city?
- Imagine you could be the President for a day. What would be the most important thing to do first?
- Which is more important? Being a good speaker or a good listener?
- If the weather is nice, should kids be able to have their classes outside?
- Do you think kids should have more technology time or less?
- If you could see the world through colored glasses, which color would you choose and why?
- Should kids get money for doing chores or should they just do it to help out at home?
- Convince your teacher to get a class pet. Tell which animal would be the best choice and why.
- Would you rather visit the moon or a planet? Explain why.
- If there could only be one season, which would you choose?

- Should kids get to choose their own bedtime?
- Would you rather give a present or receive it?
- Imagine you could create the best dessert ever! What would it be and why?

OPINION WRITING

Sentence Starters

- I believe . . .
- I think . . .
- I feel . . .
- The best . . .
- My favorite . . .
- In my opinion . . .
- I would rather . . .
- Everyone should . . .

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Example: Do you think teachers should give students homework?

O– In my opinion, students should not have homework.

R– They work so hard all day at school and need a break.

E– Instead of focusing on more work kids should be able to go outside and play, do a sport, or do other fun activities.

O– In conclusion, students work all day at school and should not have to do homework.

Opinion Writing Prompts:

[From this site:](#)

School & Home Opinion Writing Prompts

1. Should students have recess every day no matter what the weather is?
2. If you had to choose between doing math all day, or reading all day, which would you choose and why?
3. If you could prepare a meal for everyone in school, what would you make?
4. Would having a magical house that can talk and that can move on its own be cool or creepy?
5. If you could change something about the past what would it be?
6. What's the best chore? Why?
7. Are bedtimes a good or a bad thing?
8. What would be the perfect classroom pet? Why?
9. What's better, being an only child or having siblings?
10. Should we ban computers and tablets from school?
11. Would you rather swim or bike to school every day?
12. You have a magic wand and you can make one positive change to your school. What are you changing and why?
13. Poof! All the adults in the world have disappeared. Is it exciting or scary?

Silly Opinion Writing Prompts

1. Would being able to shoot spaghetti out of your fingertips be a valuable superpower?
2. If you could turn any wild animal into a pet, which would you choose?
3. Would you rather have a pet that can talk, or a pet that sings silly songs all day? Why?
4. Would you rather live above or below water?
5. What would be the best thing about living in your favorite book or movie?
6. If you were the first person to move to Mars what would be the most important thing to plant first? Why?
7. Would having a home made out of 100% candy be good or bad, and why?

8. Which is better, super hearing or a super sense of smell?
9. Would the ability to pause, rewind, and fast forward in real life be a good or bad thing?
10. What would you prefer, living in a treehouse or living in a submarine?
11. If the rules changed and now you only need to be 7 to be the President of the United States... why should we vote for you?

Interest Specific Prompts

When I have reluctant writers I incorporate their interests as much as possible. If my class is working on opinion or persuasive writing I will pull directly from the things they love the most.

1. What's the best video game and why?
2. Should kids be allowed to game as long as they want? Give three reasons for your answer.
3. Is gaming good or bad for your brain?
4. Would the world be better or worse if dinosaurs were still alive? Why?
5. Would you rather visit a land of talking animals, or explore an underwater city filled with friendly mermaids and colorful fish?
6. Should kids have their own phones?
7. Do you think April Fools Day pranks are a good idea?
8. At what age should kids be allowed to be home alone?
9. If you could create your own class that everyone at school would want to take, what would it be and why should kids want to take it?

Persuasive Writing Topics

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15 Persuasive Writing Topics for Kids

1. We should not have a school dress code.
 2. Pets should be allowed in school.
 3. School break times should be longer.
 4. There should be no homework.
 5. The school day should be shorter.
 6. Children should be able to use cellphones in school.
 7. I should a raise for doing chores from my parents.
8. I should be able to go to bed later.
 9. I should be allowed to have a pet.
 10. I should be able to stay at home on my own.
 11. I should be allowed sweets (or junk food) every day.
 12. Nobody should litter.
 13. Everyone should have to exercise every day.
 14. We should all grow our own vegetables instead of buying them at the store.

12 BONUS Persuasive Prompts for Elementary Writers

1. Year-round school is a good/bad idea
2. Life without the internet would be...
3. Keeping animals in zoos is...
4. Everyone should learn a different language.
5. Saving the planet is...
6. Kids should be allowed to go into space.

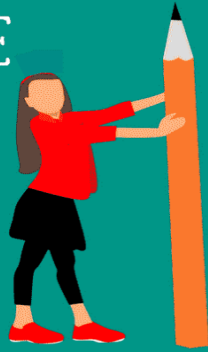
31 More Persuasive Writing Prompts for Kids & Students

1. Persuade your sister or brother to help you talk your parents into something you want to do.
2. Persuade your sister or brother to spend the afternoon doing what you want.
3. Persuade your sister or brother to do a favor for you.
4. Persuade your sister or brother to save up for something special together.
5. Persuade your teacher to let the class work on an assignment with partners.
6. Persuade your teacher to give everyone a night off from homework.
7. Persuade your teacher to have class outside.
8. Persuade your teacher to end class early.
9. Persuade your teacher to give the class a reward for a job well done.
10. Persuade your teacher to take a field trip (to a place where you want to go).

11. Persuade your teacher to let the class have a party.
12. Persuade your friend to trade lunches with you.
13. Persuade your friend to do what you want at recess.
14. Persuade your friend to invite someone new to hang out with you both.
15. Persuade your friend to listen to your favorite music or to read your favorite book.
16. Persuade your friend to let you borrow something special of his or hers.
17. Persuade your friend to watch the movie you want.
18. Persuade your friend to join a new club or group with you.
19. Persuade your friend to work on schoolwork together.
20. Persuade your friend to stay the night at your house.
21. What is the best way to persuade someone?
22. Are you good at persuading people? Why or why not?
23. Write about a time when you successfully persuaded someone. How did you do it?
24. What would you do if you tried to persuade someone and they didn't agree?
25. Why is it important to present your argument kindly and respectfully?
26. What does it mean to persuade someone?
27. What strategies do you use to persuade people?

PERSUASIVE WRITING PROMPTS

for
Elementary
Students



- We should not have a school dress code.
- Pets should be allowed in school.
- School break times should be longer.
- There should be no homework.
- The school day should be shorter.
- Children should be able to use cellphones in school.
- I should get a pocket money raise from my parents.
- I should be able to go to bed later.
- I should be allowed to have a pet (or another pet!).
- I should be able to stay at home on my own.
- I should be allowed sweets every day.
- Nobody should litter.
- Everyone should have to exercise every day.
- We should all grow our own vegetables.
- Smoking should be banned for everyone.

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Do you think April
Fools' Day pranks are a good idea?

opinion

I think pranks are a good idea.

reason #1

They are
so much
fun to plan.

reason #2

People get
to laugh
and have
fun.

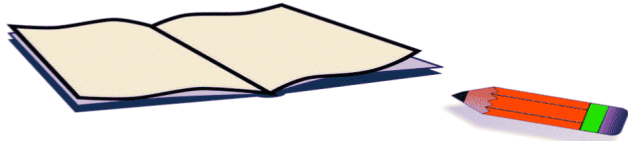
reason #3

They don't
hurt anyone
and they
make people
smile.

closing

Pranks are a fun way to spread
happiness and be silly.

2ND GRADE WRITING PROMPTS



- Think of your favorite fairy tale from when you were in preschool and retell it with a different ending.
- Think of your favorite fairy tale from when you were in preschool and retell it with the same ending, but a different beginning.
- Think about your favorite book series and write an original story using the same main characters.
- Think about your favorite season of the year. Then, write about the season and explain what makes it so special to you.
- What would it be like to be one of your parents for one day? Which parent would you want to be and why?
- Would you rather have a tiger or a gorilla for a pet, and why would you choose that animal?
- What is your favorite meal of the day? Why is it your favorite?
- Think about your favorite toy. Why do you like it more than your other toys? How often do you play with it?
- What is the best silly food combination you can think of? Would you ever try it? Do you think other people would like it?
- Like "Flat Stanley," what if you could be put in a package and mailed somewhere? Where would you want to go and why? What would you expect to see?
- What is your favorite part of the school day? Why do you like it better than the rest of the day?
- What would it be like if chocolate tasted like potatoes, and potatoes tasted like chocolate? What would dinner be like?
- If the day was cold and snowy outside, would you rather go sledding or build a snowman?
- What is your favorite thing to do during the summer? Do you get to do it frequently?
- What do you usually do when you're feeling sick? Do your parents do anything special to make you feel better?
- If you got an extra week off of school for a school break, would you rather it be a hot and sunny week or a cold and snowy week?
- If you could choose to be a cat or a dog for a day, which would you choose to be? Why?
- What would be the most exciting job you could have? Why would you choose it?
- What is your favorite sport to watch? What do you like about it?
- Write about something in your house that no one else knows about.

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WOULD YOU RATHER

Learn about Lions **or** Learn about Lambs



I would rather _____

(opinion)

because _____

(reason)

(reason)

WOULD YOU RATHER

Have a snowball fight **or** Make a snowman



WOULD YOU RATHER

Eat ice cream **or** Eat a popsicle



I would rather _____

(opinion)

because _____

(reason)

WOULD YOU RATHER

Go camping **or** Go fishing



I would rather _____

(opinion)

because _____

(reason)

WOULD YOU RATHER

Learn about bats **or** Learn about owls



I would rather _____

(opinion)

because _____

(reason)