

Opinion Writing Rubric

| Score | Focus | Organization | Development | Language and Vocabulary | Conventions |
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| 4 | The book is fully introduced, and the writer's opinion is clearly stated in the introduction. | Reasons are logically arranged and the conclusion strongly wraps up writing. | Writing contains three or more reasons that clearly support the opinion. | Writing contains several linking words and phrases to connect opinion and reasons. | Writing contains correct grammar, usage, capitalization, and spelling. |
| 3 | The book is introduced, and the writer's opinion is stated in the introduction. | Reasons are linked and the piece includes a conclusion. | Writing contains two reasons that clearly support the opinion. | Writing contains some linking words and phrases to connect opinion and reasons. | Writing contains a few errors but is completely understandable. |
| 2 | The writer's opinion is stated in the introduction, but the book is not introduced. | Reasons are not arranged in a logical order and the conclusion is weak. | Writing contains only one reason that supports the opinion. | Writing contains one linking word or phrase to connect opinion and reasons. | Writing contains some errors in grammar, usage, capitalization, and spelling. |
| 1 | Neither the book nor the writer's opinion is made clear in the introduction. | Reasons are vague and the conclusion is missing. | Writing contains a reason but doesn't clearly support the opinion. | Writing does not contain linking words and phrases to connect opinion and reasons. | Writing is difficult to follow because of frequent errors. |
| 0 | Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no response is given • child's response is unintelligible, illegible, or completely off topic | | | | |