

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

Statement of Purpose/Focus and Organization Weight: 40%	Evidence/Elaboration Weight: 40%	Conventions/Editing Weight: 20%
<p>The response is fully sustained and consistently and purposefully focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opinion is clearly stated, focused, and strongly maintained • opinion is communicated clearly within the purpose, audience, and task <p>The response has a clear and effective organizational structure creating unity and completeness :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a variety of transitional strategies is consistently used to effectively clarify the relationships between and among ideas • logical progression of ideas from beginning to end • effective introduction and conclusion for audience and purpose 	<p>The response provides thorough and convincing support/evidence for the writer’s opinion that includes the effective use of sources, facts, and details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of evidence from sources is smoothly integrated, comprehensive, and relevant • effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques <p>The response clearly and effectively expresses ideas, using precise language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of academic and domain-specific vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose 	<p>The response displays adequate command of all grade level and preceding level conventions of writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed • use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling is adequate