

CCSS Opinion Writing Rubric Grades 3-5

Score	Purpose and Organization	Elaboration	Conventions
4	<p>The response has a clear and effective organizational structure, creating a sense of unity and completeness. The response is fully sustained and consistently and purposely focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas logical progression of ideas from beginning to end effective introduction and conclusion opinion is clearly stated, focused, and strongly maintained opinion introduced and communicated clearly within the purpose, audience, and tasks 	<p>The response provides thorough and convincing support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes the effective use of sources, facts, and details. The response clearly and effectively expresses ideas, using precise language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comprehensive evidence from sources is integrated references are relevant and specific effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques use of domain-specific vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose 	<p>The response demonstrates a strong command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> few, if any, errors in usage and sentence formation effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
3	<p>The response has an evident organizational structure and a sense of completeness, though there may be minor flaws and some ideas may be loosely connected. The response is adequately sustained and generally focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> adequate use of transitional strategies with some variety to clarify relationships between and among ideas adequate progression of ideas from beginning to end adequate introduction and conclusion opinion is clear and mostly maintained, though some loosely related material may be present opinion is adequate within the purpose, audience, and task 	<p>The response provides adequate support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes the use of sources, facts, and details. The response adequately expresses ideas, employing a mix of precise with more general language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some evidence from sources is integrated references may be general or imprecise adequate use of some elaborative techniques use of domain-specific vocabulary is generally appropriate for the audience and purpose 	<p>The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> some errors in usage and sentence formation are present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
2	<p>The response has an inconsistent organizational structure, and flaws are evident. The response is somewhat sustained and may have a minor drift in focus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> inconsistent use of transitional strategies and/or little variety uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end; and/or formulaic introduction or conclusion, if present, may be weak may be clearly focused on the opinion but is insufficiently sustained opinion on the issue may be somewhat unclear and/or unfocused 	<p>The response provides uneven, cursory support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes partial or uneven use of sources, facts, and details. The response expresses ideas unevenly, using simplistic language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evidence from sources is weakly integrated, vague, or imprecise references may be vague or lack clarity weak or uneven use of elaborative techniques use of domain-specific vocabulary is uneven or somewhat ineffective for the audience and purpose 	<p>The response demonstrates a partial command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
1	<p>The response has little or no discernible organizational structure. The response may be related to the opinion but may provide little or no focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> few or no transitional strategies are evident frequent extraneous ideas are evident; may be formulaic introduction and/or conclusion may be missing may be very brief or have a major drift opinion may be confusing or ambiguous 	<p>The response provides minimal support/evidence for the controlling idea or main idea that includes little or no use of sources, facts, and details. The response's expression of ideas is vague, lacks clarity, or is confusing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> evidence from the source material is minimal, absent, incorrect, or irrelevant references may be absent or incorrect minimal, if any, use of elaborative techniques use of domain-specific vocabulary is limited or ineffective for the audience and purpose 	<p>The response demonstrates a lack of command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors are frequent and severe and meaning is often obscured