

CCSS Opinion Writing Rubric Kindergarten

Score	Purpose and Organization	Elaboration	Written Conventions
4	<p>The response is clearly focused <u>in writing</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes the topic in the response (<i>My favorite book is...</i>) Opinion or preference about the topic is clearly stated (<i>...Boomer Goes to School</i>) Thoughts are represented in complete sentence(s) and all words are decipherable Writing clearly matches the drawing (if included) Stays on topic with no extraneous details in the drawing or writing 	<p>The response provides effective elaboration <u>in writing</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a reason for the opinion or preference (<i>...because Boomer does funny things.</i>) Use of example to clarify reason (<i>I like the part when Boomer steps in paint and gets it all over the floor.</i>) Includes appropriate descriptive language 	<p>The response demonstrates a strong and consistent command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writes left to right Produces more than one complete sentence in writing Uses appropriate spacing throughout the entire writing Correctly uses capitalization for the first word in a sentence and the pronoun "I" Correctly prints most upper and lowercase letters Uses logical approximations of all phonemes in most words Correctly uses end punctuation
3	<p>The response is adequately focused <u>using a combination of writing and drawing</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes the topic in the response (<i>My favorite book is...</i>) Opinion or preference about the topic is stated (<i>...Boomer Goes to School</i>) Most words are decipherable Writing matches the drawing (if included) Stays on topic but may include extraneous details in the drawing or writing 	<p>The response provides some elaboration <u>using a combination of writing and drawing</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a reason for the opinion or preference (<i>...because it is funny.</i>) Includes some of the following additional details in the drawing about the writer (emotion), topic (authentic parts, color, behavior/function, etc...) and context (setting related to the response) 	<p>The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writes left to right Produces a complete sentence in writing Uses appropriate spacing throughout most of the writing Uses capitalization for the first word in a sentence and the pronoun "I" most of the time Prints most upper and lowercase letters Uses logical approximations of most phonemes in most words Uses end punctuation most of the time
2	<p>The response is somewhat focused <u>using a combination of writing, drawing, and dictating</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion or preference is given but topic may be unclear (<i>I like Boomer Goes to School.</i>) Attempts to write and dictation matches the drawing 	<p>The response provides minimal elaboration <u>using a combination of writing, drawing, and dictating</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason may be stated but may be patterned or simple (<i>...because I like it, because it is good.</i>) Includes some of the following additional details in the drawing about the writer (emotion), topic (authentic parts, color, behavior/function, etc...) and context (setting related to the response) 	<p>The response demonstrates a partial or inconsistent command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writes left to right Uses appropriate spacing throughout some of the writing Attempts to use some capitalization Prints some upper and lowercase letters Uses logical approximations of some phonemes in most words Inconsistent use of punctuation
1	<p>The response lacks focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion and topic are unclear May include random pictures 	<p>The response provides no elaboration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to provide a reason for the opinion Unable to provide details about the writer, topic, or context 	<p>The response demonstrates a lack of command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts to form letters, but mainly scribbles Little or no capitalization, punctuation, and spacing