

Opinion Writing Checklist: Grade 4

I write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting my point of view with reasons and information.					
How is my opinion writing? Did I write like a fourth grader?				YES!	NO
Writing Structure & Organization	Introduction	I clearly introduced my topic by asking a question, explaining why the topic mattered, telling a surprising fact, or giving background information.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		I provided a strongly stated opinion or claim.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Organization	I grouped information and related ideas into paragraphs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Transitions	I used phrases such as <i>for example</i> , <i>another example</i> , <i>one time</i> , and <i>for instance</i> to show when I was shifting from saying reasons to giving evidence. I used phrases and words such as <i>in addition to</i> , <i>also</i> , and <i>another</i> to show when I wanted to make a new point.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Conclusion	I wrote an ending for my piece in which I restated and reflected on my opinion, perhaps suggesting an action or response based on what I had written.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Development & Elaboration of Ideas	Elaboration	I gave logically ordered reasons that support my opinions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		I supported my reasons with facts and details in which I included examples and information from a text.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Task Focus	My whole piece stays focused on my task or prompt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Language Conventions & Word Choice	Vocabulary	I used strong words and phrases correctly to bring my writing to life.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Punctuation	Before I wrote my final draft I checked to make sure I used punctuation correctly (capitalization, commas, quotations, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Spelling	Before I wrote my final draft I checked to make sure all my words were spelled correctly or I consulted references to help me spell words I wasn't sure about.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Sentence Fluency	I used complete sentences. I used different kinds of sentences to make my writing interesting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	