

Opinion Writing Rubric

	Criteria	Weak	Developing	Strong
CONTENT & ORGANIZATION	Clearly states opinion in the topic sentence.	Opinion is not stated in a topic sentence.	Opinion clearly stated, but not in a topic sentence.	Opinion clearly stated in a topic sentence.
	Reasons support the opinion.	Reasons do not strongly support opinion.	At least one reason strongly supports opinion.	All reasons cohesively strongly support opinion.
	Effective concluding statement.	No concluding sentence.	Moderately convincing concluding sentence.	Strong, well-written concluding sentence.
CONVENTIONS	Capitalization	Many capitalization errors.	A few capitalization errors.	Writing reflects strong understanding of capitalization rules.
	Spelling	Many spelling errors.	A few spelling errors.	Writing reflects strong understanding of spelling rules.
	Sentences	Many run-on and fragment sentences.	Cohesive writing despite some run-on and fragment sentences.	Cohesive writing with strong grip on rules of syntax.