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Opinion Writing Checklist

Kindergarten STRUCTURE I told, drew, and wrote my opinion or likes and dislikes about a topic or book. STARTING NOT Did I do it like a Kindergartner? YET TO YES! I wrote my opinion in the beginning. Trains are cool. I wrote my idea and then said more. I used words such as because. I had a last part or page. I really love trains! I told my opinion in one place and in another place I said why. I like trains because they go fast.



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	DEVELOPMENT	who are successive		
Did I do it like	a Kindergartner?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	I put everything I thought about the topic (or book) on the page.			
Trains help you get to lots of places.	I had details in pictures and words.			

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Did I do it like a	a Kindergartner?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
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((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((I wrote a letter for the sounds I heard.		- Control of the Cont	
Aa Bb Cc at be can and but come all by	I used the word wall to help me spell.			
I love writing!	I put spaces between words.			
the the	I used lowercase letters unless capitals were needed.			
Look at the ball.	I wrote capital letters to start every sentence.		and a constant of a constant o	

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	Grade 1	400		
	STRUCTURE			
I wrote my opinion or my like	es and dislikes and said why.			
Did I do it like	a first grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
Did you know?	I wrote a beginning in which I got readers' attention.			
Trains + (v)	I named the topic or text I was writing about and gave my opinion.			
(because) (and	I said more about my opinion and used words such as <i>and</i> and <i>because</i> .			
That is why I love trains!	I wrote an ending for my piece.			
The way Settle State Cly hause Cly hause	I wrote a part where I got readers' attention and a part where I said more.			

	Grade 1	3		
	DEVELOPMENT			
Did I do it like	a first grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
One reason is trains do lots of jobs.	I wrote at least one reason for my opinion.			
Freight trains carry cargo.	I used labels and words to give details.		·	

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	Grade 1			
LA	INGUAGE CONVENTIONS			
Did I do it like	a first grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
can out all	I used all I knew about words and chunks of words to help me spell.	STOCKER AND VALLEY OF THE STATE		
Aa Bb Co an bufcall halls taller	I spelled all the word wall words right and used the word wall to help me spell other words.			<u>.</u>
End it with	I ended sentences with punctuation.			
Mercy Watson	I used a capital letter for names.			
Shopping List March 9 2013 I need milk, sugar, eggs, bread, and teq.	I used commas in dates and lists.			

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	Grade 2 STRUCTURE			
I wrote my opinion or my likes	s and dislikes and gave reasor	ıs for	my opin	ion.
Did I do it like a	second grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
Tthink? (Yourl) agree!	I wrote a beginning in which I not only gave my opinion, but also set readers up to expect that my writing would try to convince them of it.			
because also another	I connected parts of my piece using words such as also, another, and because.			
E Sthink	I wrote an ending in which I reminded readers of my opinion.	HATTY THE		
introduction ons examples reason evidence conclusion	My piece had different parts; I wrote a lot of lines for each part.			

Grade 2				
	DEVELOPMENT			
Did I do it like o	a second grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
One reason One reason Is Another reason is In the book It says This reminds me of	I wrote at least two reasons and wrote at least a few sentences about each one.			
good nicest criendlier thoughtful mean sheaky hastlest	I chose words that would make readers agree with my opinion.			

Grade 2				
LAN	NGUAGE CONVENTIONS			
Did I do it like a	second grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
tion (-ly) happily nation slowly vacation finally	I used what I knew about spelling patterns to spell a word.			
Word Wall Word Wall Act But Cc Act But Cc Bright L light Clight Co Light	I spelled all of the word wall words correctly and used the word wall to help me figure out how to spell other words.			
cc 22 How are you? my teacher asked.	I used quotation marks to show what characters said.			
can't I'm don't we'll	When I used words such as <i>can't</i> and <i>don't</i> , I put in the apostrophe.			

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	Grade 3			
	STRUCTURE			
I told readers my opinion understand my reasons	on and ideas on a text or a topic an 5.	d help	oed them	n to
Did I do	it like a third grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
o pinion hook	I wrote a beginning in which I not only set readers up to expect that this would be a piece of opinion writing, but also tried to hook them into caring about my opinion.			
For example, because also another	I connected my ideas and reasons with my examples using words such as <i>for example</i> and <i>because</i> . I connected one reason or example using words such as <i>also</i> and <i>another</i> .			
	I worked on an ending, perhaps a thought or comment related to my opinion.			
reasons t details	I wrote several reasons or examples of why readers should agree with my opinion and wrote at least several sentences about each reason.			
	I organized my information so that each part of my writing was mostly about one thina.			

	Grade 3			
	DEVELOPMENT			
Did I do i	t like a third grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
REASONS + CA	I not only named my reasons to support my opinion, but also wrote more about each one.			
Hmm.	I not only told readers to believe me, but also wrote in ways that got them thinking or feeling in certain ways.			

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Opinion Writing Checklist (continued)

Grade 3 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS				
Did I do	it like a third grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
could've could've	I used what I knew about spelling patterns to help me spell and edit before I wrote my final draft.			
母哥	I got help from others to check my spelling and punctuation before I wrote my final draft.		·	
"Let's go," he said.	I punctuated dialogue correctly, with commas and quotation marks.			
. 17	While writing, I put punctuation at the end of every sentence.	· .		
BIG fast solon solon sold sold sold sold sold sold sold sold	I wrote in ways that helped readers read with expression, reading some parts quickly, some slowly, some parts in one sort of voice and others in another.			

Grade 4				
	STRUCTURE			
I made a claim about a topic	or a text and tried to support my rec	isons		
Did 1 do it li	ke a fourth grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	I wrote a few sentences to hook my readers, perhaps by asking a question, explaining why the topic mattered, telling a surprising fact, or giving background information.			
	I stated my claim.			
for example another example one time for instance in addition to another	I used words and phrases to glue parts of my piece together. I used phrases such as for example, another example, one time, and for instance to show when I was shifting from saying reasons to giving evidence and in addition to, also, and another to show when I wanted to make a new point.			
You should.	I wrote an ending for my piece in which I restated and reflected on my claim, perhaps suggesting an action or response based on what I had written.			
	I separated sections of information using paragraphs.			THE TAXABLE PROPERTY OF TAXABLE PR

Grade 4				
	DEVELOPMENT			
Did 1 do it	like a fourth grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	I gave reasons to support my opinion. I chose the reasons to convince my readers.			CENTRAL STREET, TOWNS OF THE S
For example I read I learned One time	I included examples and information to support my reasons, perhaps from a text, my knowledge, or my life.	TO A CONTRACT OF THE PROPERTY AND A CONTRACT OF THE PROPERTY O		CHARLES AND CHARLE
My father is my greatest teacher e	I made deliberate word choices to convince my readers, perhaps by emphasizing or repeating words that would make my readers feel emotions.			
Family is like a puzzle.	If it felt right to do so, I chose precise details and facts to help make my points and used figurative language to draw the readers into my line of thought.		The control of the co	
	I made choices about which evidence was best to include or not include to support my points.	·	THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	
You Experts Why not People should	I used a convincing tone.			

Grade 4				
	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS			
Did I do it I	ike a fourth grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
Clapping clapping sitting making loving	I used what I knew about word families and spelling rules to help me spell and edit.			
Ma Bb Colbd E8 Ma Bb Colbd BB Ma Ma Ma Ma Ma Ma Ma	I used the word wall and dictionaries to help me when needed.			
Use commas to pause! For instance,	When writing long, complex sentences, I used commas to make them clear and correct.			
Read + listen! (ii) (iii) (I used periods to fix my run-on sentences.			

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Grade 5 STRUCTURE I made a claim or thesis on a topic or text, supported it with reasons, and provided a variety of evidence for each reason. STARTING NOT Did I do it like a fifth grader? YET TO YES! I wrote an introduction that led П to a claim or thesis and got my readers to care about my opinion. I got my readers to care by not only including a cool fact or jazzy question, but also figuring out what was significant in or around the topic and giving readers information about what was significant about the topic. I worked to find the precise П Chocolate milk is bad so words to state my claim; I let Schools should stop 14 readers know the reasons I would develop later. I used transition words and П \Box This shows that ... phrases to connect evidence back to my reasons. I helped readers follow my think-another ing with phrases such as another reason and the most important reason. I used phrases such as consequently and because of to show what happened.

Grade 5				,
STRUC	TURE (continued)	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
specifically in particular ©	I used words such as <i>specifically</i> and <i>in particular</i> in order to be more precise.			
B connect it!	I worked on a conclusion in which I connected back to and highlighted what the text was mainly about, not just the preceding paragraph.			
H = 34	I grouped information and related ideas into paragraphs. I put the parts of my writing in the order that most suited my purpose and helped me prove my reasons and claim.			
	DEVELOPMENT		To the second se	
Did I do it like a fifth grader?			STARTING TO	YES!
REASON 1 REASON 2 REASON 3	I gave reasons to support my opinion that were parallel and did not overlap. I put them in an order that I thought would be most convincing.	A CONTRACT OF THE CONTRACT OF	The state of the s	
examples of facts cc >> o facts micro stories	I included evidence such as facts, examples, quotations, micro-stories, and information to support my claim.			

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Opinion Writing Checklist (continued)

Grade 5				
DEVELO	PMENT (continued)	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
ENIDENCE	I discussed and unpacked the way that the evidence went with the claim.			
	I made deliberate word choices to have an effect on my readers.			
phrase image metaphor	I reached for the precise phrase, metaphor, or image that would convey my ideas.			
	I made choices about how to angle my evidence to support my points.			
According to sources	When it seemed right to do so, I tried to use a scholarly voice and varied my sentences to create the pace and tone of the different sections of my piece.			

	Grade 5				
LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS					
Did I do it	like a fifth grader?	NOT YET	STARŢING TO	YES!	
receive Ball	I used what I knew about word families and spelling rules to help me spell and edit.			The second secon	
And Bu Co Dal Ed	I used the word wall and dictionaries to help me when needed.				
nutrients V calcium > Proteinv	I made sure to correctly spell words that were important to my topic.				
Meanwhile, Later that day, As I read on,	I used commas to set off introductory parts of sentences.				
" <u>@</u> "[STOP!]	I used a variety of punctuation to fix any run-on sentences.			TOPOLOGICAL STATE OF THE PARTY	
Experts says	I used punctuation to cite my sources.		AND THE CONTROL OF TH		

Argument Writing Checklist

Grade 6

STRUCTURE

I explained the topic/text and staked out a position that can be supported by a variety of trustworthy sources. Each part of my text builds my argument and leads to a conclusion.

to a conclusion.				
Did 1 do it	like a sixth grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
introduction	I wrote an introduction to interest readers and help them understand and care about a topic or text. I thought backward between the piece and the introduction to make sure that the introduction fit with the whole.			
(CLAIM!) (reasons)	Not only did I clearly state my claim, I also told my readers how my text would unfold.			
According For instance, One In addition	I used transitions to help connect claim(s), reasons, and evidence and to imply relationships such as when material exemplifies, adds on to, is similar to, explains, is a result of, or contrasts. I used transitions such as furthermore, this evidence suggests, and thus we can say that.			

Argument Writing Checklist (continued)

	Grade 6			
STRUC	TURE (continued)	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YESI
Hmm)	In my conclusion, I restated the important points and offered a final insight or implication for readers to consider. The ending strengthened the overall argument.			
	I organized my argument into sections: I arranged reasons and evidence purposefully, leading readers from one claim or reason to another. The order of the sections and the internal structure of each section make sense.			
	DEVELOPMENT			
Did I do it	like a sixth grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
·facts 回, ·quotations (",) ·examples 囲 ·definitions 11	I included and arranged a variety of evidence such as facts, quotations, examples, and definitions.			
	I used trusted sources and information from experts and gave the sources credit.			

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DEVELOR	PMENT (continued)	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
This shows how important This proves that	I worked to explain how the reasons and evidence I gave supported my claim(s) and strengthened my argument. To do this I may have referred to earlier parts of my text, summarized background information, raised questions, or highlighted possible implications.		·	
active exercise	I chose my words carefully to support my argument and to have an effect on my reader.			
phrase metaphor analogy	I worked to include concrete details, comparisons, and/or images to convey my ideas, build my argument, and keep my reader engaged.			
This means	When necessary, I explained terms to readers, providing definitions, context clues, or parenthetical explanations.			
* Experts believe *This is important because	I made my piece sound serious.			

Argument Writing Checklist (continued)

	Grade 6			
	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS			
Did I do it	like a sixth grader?	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
I used resources to be sure the words in my writing were spelled correctly, including returning to sources to check spelling.				
dash colon; semi-colon; (parentheses)	I used punctuation such as dashes, colons, parentheses, and semicolons to help me include or connect information in some of my sentences.			
Experts say, cc" (Smith, 2014, p.18)	I punctuated quotes and citations accurately.	, and the state of		

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	Grade 7	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	Structure	on water more and a first		
Overall	I laid out a well-supported argument and made it clear that this argument is part of a bigger conversation about a topic/text. I acknowledged positions on the topic or text that might disagree with my own position, but I still showed why my position makes sense.			
Lead	I interested the reader in my argument and helped them to understand the backstory behind it. I gave the back story in a way that got the reader ready to see my point.			
	I made it clear to readers what my piece will argue and forecasted the parts of my argument.			
Transitions	I used transitions to link the parts of my argument. The transitions help the reader follow from part to part and make it clear when I am stating a claim or counterclaim, giving a reason, or offering or analyzing evidence. These transitions include terms such as as the text states, this means, another reason, some people may say, but, nevertheless, and on the other hand.			
Ending	In my conclusion, I reinforced and built on the main point(s) in a way that makes the entire text a cohesive whole. The conclusion may reiterate how the support for my claim outweighed the counterclaim(s), restate the main points, respond to them, or highlight their significance.			
Organization	The parts of my piece are arranged purposefully to suit my purpose and to lead readers from one claim or counterclaim, reason, or piece of evidence to another.			
	I used topic sentences, transitions, and formatting (where appropriate) to clarify the structure of the piece and to highlight my main points.		The state of the s	

Argument Writing Checklist (cont.)

	Grade 7	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	Development			
Elaboration	I included varied kinds of evidence such as facts, quotations, examples, and definitions. I analyzed or explained the reasons and evidence, showing how they fit with my claim(s) and built my argument.	ACCESS OF THE PARTY CONTRACTOR		AND THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE
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	I wrote about another possible position or positions—a different claim or claims about this subject—and explained why the evidence for my position outweighed the counterclaim(s).			
	I worked to make my argument compelling as well as understandable. I brought out why it mattered and why the audience should care about it.			
Craft	I used words purposefully to affect meaning and tone.			
	I chose precise words and used metaphors, images, or comparisons to explain what I meant.			
	I included domain-specific, technical vocabulary relevant to my argument and audience and defined these terms when appropriate.	TO COMPANY AND		
	I used a formal tone, but varied it appropriately to engage the reader.			
	Language Conventions	Chemistra College	- Annual Property of the Control of	
Spelling	I matched the spelling of technical vocabulary to that found in resources and text evidence. I spelled material in citations correctly.	The state of the s		COMPANION AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN
Punctuation and Sentence Structure	I varied my sentence structure, sometimes using simple and sometimes using complex sentence structure.			per
	I used internal punctuation appropriately within sentences and when citing sources, including commas, dashes, parentheses, colons, and semicolons.			A CONTRACTOR CONTRACTO

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	Grade 8	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	Structure			
Overall	I laid out an argument about a topic/text and made it clear why my particular argument is important and valid. I stayed fair to those who might disagree with me by describing how my position is one of several and making it clear where my position stands in relation to others.	To a single control of the control o		
Lead	After hooking the reader, I provided specific context for my own as well as another position(s), introduced my position, and oriented readers to the overall line of argument I planned to develop.			
Transitions	I used transitions to lead the reader across parts of the text and to help the reader note how parts of the text relate back to earlier parts. I used phrases such as now some argue, while this may be true, it is also the case that, despite this, as stated earlier, taken as a whole, this is significant because, the evidence points to, and and by doing so.			
Ending	In the conclusion, I described the significance of my argument for stakeholders, or offered additional insights, implications, questions, or challenges.			
Organization	I organized claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence into sections and clarified how sections are connected.	П		
	I created an organizational structure that supports a reader's growing understanding across the whole of my argument, arranging the sections to build on each other in a logical, compelling fashion.			

Argument Writing Checklist (cont.)

	Grade 8	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
	Development		Proprinted and the second	
Elaboration	I brought out the aspects of the argument that were most significant to my audience and to my overall purpose(s).			
	I incorporated trustworthy and significant sources and explained if and when a source seemed problematic.			
	I analyzed the relevance of the reasons and evidence for my claims as well as for the counterclaim(s) and helped the reader understand what each position is saying. I made sure all of my analysis led my readers to follow my line of argument.			
Craft	I intended to affect my reader in particular ways—to make the reader think, realize, or feel a particular way—and I chose language to do that.			
	I consistently used comparisons, analogies, vivid examples, anecdotes, or other rhetorical devices to help readers follow my thinking and grasp the meaning and significance of a point or a piece of evidence.			
	I varied my tone to match the different purposes of different sections of my argument.		The state of the s	
	Language Conventions		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
Spelling	I spelled technical vocabulary and literary vocabulary accurately. I spelled materials in citations according to sources, and spelled citations accurately.		TO COLOR PROPERTY OF THE PARTY	
Punctuation and Sentence Structure	I used different sentence structures to achieve different purposes throughout my argument.			
	I used verb tenses that shift when needed, (as in when moving from a citation back to my own writing), deciding between active and passive voice where appropriate.			THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O
	I used internal punctuation effectively, including the use of ellipses to accurately insert excerpts from sources.			