

Grade	Common Core State Standards: <i>Opinion Writing</i>
K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State opinion using combination of drawing, dictating and writing on topic or text (<i>My favorite _____ is...</i>)
1 st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State opinion on topic or text Give a reason Provide some sense of closure
2 nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State opinion on topic or text Give multiple reasons Use linking words (<i>because, and, also</i>) More formal concluding statement or section
3 rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a topic or text providing some contextual information State an opinion/claim supporting a point of view Create an organizational structure that lists reasons Provide reasons that support opinion Use linking words and phrases to connect opinions and reasons (<i>because, therefore, since, for example</i>) Provide concluding statement or section
4 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a topic or text clearly providing some contextual information State an opinion/claim supporting a point of view Create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support writer's purpose Provide supporting reasons with evidence: facts and details Use linking words to connect opinions and reasons (<i>for instance, in order to, in addition</i>) Provide concluding statement or section related to opinion (closure offers final thoughts)
5 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a topic or text clearly providing some textual information State an opinion/claim supporting a point of view with reasons and information Create logical structure in which ideas are organized and grouped to support writer's purpose Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details Use linking words, phrases and clauses to connect opinion and reasons (<i>consequently, specifically</i>) Give a more formal concluding statement or section related to opinion presented
6 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce claim(s) and organize reasons and evidence clearly Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify relationships among claim(s) and reasons Establish and maintain a formal style Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented
7 th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize reasons and evidence logically Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of topic or text Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence Establish and maintain a formal style Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented