

Name _____		Writing Task: _____				Date: _____		
4 th Grade Opinion Writing Rubric		Total Score: _____		100 – 90 = A	89 – 80 = B	79 – 70 = C	<70 = F	
Excellent		Good		Fair		Unsatisfactory		
Development	▪ addresses all aspects of the writing task with a tightly focused and detailed response	11	▪ addresses the writing task with a focused response	10	▪ addresses the writing task with an inconsistent focus	8	▪ attempts to address the writing task but lacks focus	7
	▪ states an opinion and skillfully provides reasons supported by facts and details	11	▪ states an opinion and provides reasons supported by facts and details	10	▪ attempts to state an opinion and inconsistently provides reasons supported by facts and details	8	▪ provides reasons to support the opinion that are irrelevant and/or insufficient	7
	▪ effectively supports opinion with information from experiences or from print and digital sources	11	▪ supports opinion with information from experiences or from print and digital sources	10	▪ inconsistently supports opinion with information from experiences or from print and digital sources	8	▪ fails to use information from experiences or from print and digital sources to support opinion	7
	▪ effectively draws evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research	11	▪ draws evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research	10	▪ inconsistently draws evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research	8	▪ fails to draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research	7
Organization	▪ effectively introduces the topic and creates an organizational structure with ideas grouped to support the purpose	12	▪ introduces the topic and creates an organizational structure with ideas grouped to support the purpose	11	▪ may introduce the topic and has a progression of ideas that may lack cohesion (i.e., list-like, rambling, or repetitive)	9	▪ identifies the topic and has little or no evidence of purposeful organization	8
	▪ effectively uses linking words and/or phrases to connect ideas with categories of information	12	▪ uses linking words and/or phrases to connect opinion and reasons	11	▪ inconsistently uses linking words and/or phrases to connect ideas within categories of information	9	▪ Uses few, if any linking words and or phrases to connect ideas	8
	▪ provides an effective concluding statement or section	12	▪ provides a concluding statement or section	11	▪ attempts to provide a sense of closure	9	▪ lacks a sense of closure	8
Language/Conventions	▪ demonstrates a well-developed command of standard English conventions	6	▪ demonstrates a command of standard English conventions; errors do not interfere with understanding	5	▪ demonstrates a limited and/or inconsistent command of standard English conventions; errors may interfere with understanding	4	▪ demonstrates a weak command of standard English conventions; errors interfere with understanding	3
	▪ skillfully employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose	6	▪ employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose	5	▪ inconsistently employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose	4	▪ employs language and tone that are inappropriate to audience and purpose	3
	▪ has sentences that are skillfully constructed with appropriate variety in length and structure	6	▪ has sentences that are generally complete with sufficient variety in length and structure	5	▪ has some sentence formation errors and/or a lack of sentence variety	4	▪ has frequent and severe sentence formation errors and/or a lack of sentence variety	3

W.4.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. W.4.1a Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose. W.4.1b Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details. W.4.1c Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (e.g., *for instance, in order to, in addition*). W.4.1d Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented. W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. W.4.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing. W.4.6 With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of one page in a single sitting. W.4.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic. W.4.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources. W.4.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. L.4.1 – Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (Cursive, parts of speech, complete sentences) L.4.2 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (Capitalization, punctuation, spelling)