Opinion

Exceeds 4
- Meets all expectations set forth in Meets (3) category
- Provides reasons that are supported by facts and details
- Uses vivid and descriptive language that supports the genre

Meets 3
- Begins with a clear and interesting topic sentence that states an opinion about a topic and/or text (CCSS W 1a)
- Paper includes relevant and supporting sentences (CCSS W 1a)
- Organizational structure lists reasons (CCSS W 1a)
- Provides reasons that support the opinion (CCSS W 1b)
- Use linking words and phrases such as, also, because, therefore, since, and, for example to connect opinion and reasons (CCSS W 1c)
- Uses sources such as, print and internet to gather information about the topic
- Provides a concluding statement or section (CCSS W 1d)

Partially Meets 2
- Lacks topic sentence
- Opinion is not evident
- Supporting sentences are weak and/or unclear

Does Not Meet 1
- Limited information on topic
- Does not state opinion
- Includes little to no facts for focus

Organization and Focus

Exceeds 4
- Meets all expectations set forth in Meets (3) category
- Paper is well-developed with smooth transitions and indentations

Meets 3
- Includes well-developed supporting facts and details
- Uses transition words to move the reader from one detail to the next
- Clearly planned writing with graphic organizer such as elements and/or rough draft
- Document is neat and legible

Partially Meets 2
- Includes simple supporting details that follow a logical order
- Rough draft or graphic organizer is incomplete

Does Not Meet 1
- Disjointed ideas
- No evidence of rough draft or graphic organizer
Writing Rubric Grade-Level Standards
CC WS1 Opinion - Third Grade            Name:

Language Conventions

Exceeds  4  □ Meets all expectations set forth in Meets (3) category
□ Uses coordinating conjunctions (and, but, or, yet, nor, so)
□ Uses commas in direct quotations, and apostrophes in possessive case of nouns and in contractions when appropriate
□ Uses underlining, quotation marks or italics to identify titles of documents when appropriate
□ Capitalizes names of magazines, newspapers, works of art, musical compositions, organizations, and the first word in quotations when appropriate
□ Consults reference materials, as needed to check and correct spelling (CCSS L.2)

Meets  3  □ Uses a variation of simple, compound, and complex sentences (CCSS L.1k)
□ Uses subject/verb agreement, pronouns, adjectives, compound words, and articles correctly
□ Uses past, present, and future verb tenses correctly (CCSS L.1g)
□ Uses commas in dates, locations, and addresses, items in a series, and quotations in dialogue correctly (CCSS L.2 b/c)
□ Capitalizes geographical names, holidays, historical periods, and titles of stories (CCSS L.2a) correctly
□ Spells one-syllable words that have blends, contractions, compounds, orthographic patterns (doubling consonants, change y to ies), and common homophones correctly most of the time
□ Forms and uses possessives correctly, when applicable (CCSS L.2d)

Partially Meets  2  □ Writes mostly simple sentences with correct punctuation
□ Some correct use of subject/verb agreement, pronouns, adjectives, compound words, and articles
□ Some correct use of past, present and future verb tenses
□ Some correct use of punctuation, commas and capitalization
□ Many spelling errors

Does Not Meet  1  □ Writes incomplete sentences
□ No subject/verb agreement or usage of pronouns, adjectives, compound words and articles
□ Incorrect use of past, present, and future verb tenses
□ Uses no punctuation, commas and capitalization
□ Poor spelling

Scoring Guide

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