**Opinion Essay**

**Student-Friendly Writing Rubric (Grades 3-5)**

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| Statement of Purpose/Focus and Organization | Evidence and Elaboration | Conventions/Editing |
| The response is focused and complete.* opinion is clearly stated and focused throughout
* opinion is communicated clearly and responds to the prompt

The response is clearly organized.* uses linking words and phrases to connect ideas
* ideas are organized from beginning to end
* includes an introduction and a conclusion
 | The response provides support for the opinion.* uses evidence from sources
* evidence is smoothly connected to the opinion
* elaborates on evidence

The response clearly expresses ideas.* uses academic vocabulary including meaningful words from the text
 | The response displays understanding of conventions of writing.* uses complete and correct sentences
* uses correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
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