Second Grade: Opinion Writing

Prompt: Is it important to be responsible at school and in your community?

Revised and Edited: Is it important to be responsible at school and in your community? Yes it is, because when I help other people, they say, “Thanks Mackenzie.” When you are responsible, you are reliable. People can count on you. You don’t blame other people, you apologize. You can keep your room clean. You can help your parents make dinner. Being responsible means listening in class. It also means following the rules in school. You can be responsible by volunteering. Maybe you can all help collect clothing and food for people in need. Another way to be responsible is to help out in your neighborhood. Or you can shovel snow for an older neighbor. When you are responsible, people know they can trust you. They know they can count on you to do what you have promised. Being responsible is good for you. It is also good for all the people around you.

In this second grade piece, the writer introduces the topic (Is it important to be responsible at school and in your community?). The students states their opinion (Yes it is) and supplies reasons that support their opinion. The writer has done an excellent job using text evidence. The student also uses linking words to connect their opinion and reasons. The writer provides a concluding statement or section (Being responsible is good for you. It is also good for all the people around you). This student demonstrates an adequate command of conventions. The writer plagiarized the majority of this piece directly from the text, which would lead to a conversation around how to correctly use text evidence.
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Revised and Edited: Yes! Responsibility is important because you have to do a lot of things. You need to help people if they need help and it takes a lot of work. I think taking out the trash is important, because you are sure that no animals made a mess with the trash. So make sure you are responsible and clean the earth. Yes! Responsibility is very good.

In this second grade piece, the writer states an opinion and introduces the topic (Yes Responsibility is important). The student uses linking words to connect opinion and reasons. The writer supplies reasons that support their opinion. The student could have provided more text evidence to improve the piece. The writer provides a concluding statement or section (Yes! Responsibility is very good). This student demonstrates an adequate command of conventions.
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Revised and Edited: Yes, it is important to be responsible at school and in my community. It is important to be responsible at school and in my community because if you are not responsible, you will not have any friends. It is also important to be responsible because you want to feel good. I also think you feel like you are a hero when you do something responsible. It is important to be responsible because then more people like you. If everybody is responsible, the world would be an even better place.

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Revised and Edited: Yes! I think responsibility is important. It’s good for the environment. It’s also good to help at schools because it will help everyone. Your responsibility is important to everyone. If you have chores, do them because your parents, friends, and everyone is counting on you. That is why I think it is important to be responsible.

I also think it is important because say it was your turn to do the chores and you did not do them. Your parents might get mad and you don’t want that to happen.

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Revised and Edited: It is important to be responsible in school and your community. You should always follow the rules in school. You should also keep your classroom clean so other people don’t have to clean up after you. Don’t hurt other people at recess. And don’t tell on other people if they didn’t do it. That’s how you can be responsible at school.

Here are some ways you can be responsible at home. You can feed your pets so other people don’t have to do it. You can help your parents make dinner. You can also take out the garbage. If you break something, you should admit it. Those are ways you can be responsible at home.

In this second grade piece, the writer states an opinion and introduces the topic (It is important to be responsible in school and your community). The student supplies reasons that support the opinion (so other people don’t have to clean up after you, so other people don’t have to do it). The writer also uses linking words. The student provides a concluding statement or section at the end of both paragraphs (That’s how you can be responsible at school, those are ways you can be responsible at home). The student demonstrates partial command of conventions. Errors include inconsistent use of capitalization.
This is what it means to be responsible. Being responsible means a lot. If you’re responsible, you don’t forget to do something, like helping your neighbor or washing the dishes. You listen in class and finish your assignments on time. You can even follow the school rules. You can also take care of the world for example, clean up bottle caps, paper scraps, and candy wrappers. That is what it means to be responsible.

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In this second grade piece, the writer does not state an opinion or introduce the topic. The writer does not respond to the prompt. The student uses linking words and supplies reasons. The writer provided a concluding statement or section (That is what it means to be responsible). The student demonstrated partial command of conventions. Errors include capitalization and comma usage.
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Revised and Edited: It is important to be responsible in school and in your community. If you did not pick up trash on the ground, then it would all be dirty. If you are not being good in school, then it would be really crazy! If you are being responsible in school, then you will get to do the fun things in school, like doing fun projects. If you are responsible, then you get rewarded.

In this second grade piece, the writer states an opinion and introduces the topic (It is important to be responsible in school and in your community). The student uses linking words to connect opinion and reasons. The writer supplies reasons that support their opinion. The student did not provide a concluding statement or section. This student demonstrates an adequate command of conventions.
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Revised and Edited: I would be responsible by shoveling people’s driveways. I would clean the cutlery and put clothes away. And put all the rubbish in the bin, mow the lawn, and wash my car. I would vacuum the floor and iron the clothes. Responsibility is helpful to others.

In this second grade piece, the writer doesn’t state an opinion or introduce the topic. The writer did not respond to the prompt. The student doesn’t use link words or supply reasons. The writer states what they would do to show responsibility. The student provided a concluding statement or section (responsibility is helpful to others). The student demonstrated partial command of conventions. Errors include capitalization and comma usage.
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Revised and Edited: Yes, I think it’s important to be responsible. I want to help people with heart disease. I want to do chores. You should listen at home and in class. It’s good to clean up after yourself. It’s important to clean your room. It’s responsible to help each other out.

I like to help my family out. I help my brother make his bed. I help my dad wax the skis. I help my mom clean the dishes. I feed the dog. I help shovel snow. I like being responsible.

In this second grade piece, the writer states an opinion and introduces the topic (Yes, I think its important to be responsible). The students does not supply reasons, but rather states what they want or like to do. The writer also doesn’t use linking words. The student provides a concluding statement or section (I like being responsible). The student demonstrated partial command of conventions. Errors include capitalization, comma usage, spelling, and apostrophes.
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Revised and Edited: Yes! I think responsibility is important. My dad helps my neighbor who got divorced. He helps her with her projects. He once helped her shovel the snow. He helped her put the bike rack on. He helped her fix a water problem. Responsibility is very important.

In this second grade piece, the writer states an opinion and introduces the topic (yes! I think responsibility is important). The student does not supply reasons, but states how her father shows responsibility. The writer does not use linking words. The student provides a concluding statement or section (responsibility is very important). The student demonstrated partial command of conventions. Errors include capitalization and spelling.
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Revised and Edited: How I Can Help My Mom by Nolan

I can help my mom in a lot of different ways. Here are a few examples. I can help my mom make dinner. I can also help her clean my basement. I can clean my room. I can help my mom in lots of ways.

P.S. My mom’s birthday is on Feb. 26, 1977.

In this second grade piece, the writer did not respond to the prompt. This student demonstrates an adequate command of conventions.
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Revised and Edited: Being Responsible Is....

- listening at school
- picking up litter (unless it’s a leprechauns litter)
- taking out the trash
- telling on yourself when you do a thing wrong
- keeping promises
- apologizing when you’ve forgotten something

And that is how you can be responsible.

In this second grade piece, the writer did not respond to the prompt. This student listed ways he could be responsible.