Student Sample: Grade 2, Argument (Opinion)

This opinion piece about a work of literature was produced in class.

Owl Moon

When you go owling you don’t need words, or worm or any thing, but hope. This is the book of Owl Moon. This book is written by Jane Yolen. I like that phrase. Because The boy was happy because he got to go owling and he has been wanted to go owling for a long time and he finally got to go.

When other Kids are happy that makes me happy. I like it because it makes me feel good. Because you don’t haft to have words to go owling but you haft to have hope to see an owl.
Annotation

The writer of this piece

• introduces the topic (with some words from the book) and the title.
  o When you go owling you don’t need words, or worm (warm) or any thing, but hope. This is (from) the book of Owl Moon.

• states an opinion about the book and supplies reasons to support the opinion.
  o I like that phrase Because The boy was happy because he got to go owling and hes (he’s) been wanted (wanting) to go owling for a long time and he finally got to go. When other kids are happy that makes me happy.

• uses linking words to connect opinion and reasons.
  o I like it Because it makes me feel good Because you don’t haft (have) to have words to go owling but you haft to have hope to see an owl.

• provides a concluding statement.
  o I like it Because it makes me feel good Because you don’t haft (have) to have words to go owling but you haft to have hope to see an owl.

• demonstrates growing command of the conventions of standard written English.
  o This piece illustrates the writer’s understanding that capital letters are used in a title, that the pronoun I should be capitalized, and that sentences should begin with a capital letter. The title of the book is underlined, and most words are spelled correctly. The use of the comma and the apostrophe is not consistent, but all sentences end with periods.