

4th Grade Opinion Writing "Rate Yourself" Rubric

Name: _____ Topic of Writing: _____ Date: _____

Score	Checklist
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Total Score: ___ / <u>92</u>	My Goals: