

3rd Grade Opinion Writing "Rate Yourself" Rubric

Name: _____ Topic of Writing: _____ Date: _____

Score	Checklist
1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 Total: ____	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Introduction (Paragraph 1)</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have an engaging beginning that grabs the reader's attention? • Do you have an opinion statement (examples: <i>I think, In my opinion, I believe, etc.</i>)? • Do you introduce two strong arguments to support your opinion?
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1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 Total: ____	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Conventions: Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have complete sentences (not run-on sentences or fragments)? • Is your punctuation and capitalization correct? Examples: capital letter at the beginning of each sentence, period at the end of each sentence, capitalize proper nouns, etc. • Is your spelling correct? • Do you have proper grammar? Do your sentences make sense?
1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 Total: ____	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Language and Word Choice</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you include a variety of opinion signal words and phrases? • Do you include transitional words or phrases (<i>in addition, with regard to, the first reason, the second reason, furthermore, etc.</i>)? • Do you speak directly to your audience? • Does your writing leave the reader wanting to agree with your opinion?
Total Score ____ / 92	MY GOALS: