**3rd Grade Opinion Writing Rubric**

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|  | **Advanced** | **Proficient** | **Basic** | **Minimal** |  |
| **12** | **11-9** | **8-5** | **4-1** | **0** |
| **4 points** | **3 points** | **2 points** | **1 point** | **0 points** |
| **Development of Ideas W.1a-b** | * Clear and focused opinion * Completely answers the prompt * Uses text evidence to help answer the question | * Mostly clear and focused * Shows a fair understanding of assignment * Uses details to support answer | * Not very clear * Partially answers the prompt * Uses some text evidence or uses information not found in the text | * Not clear at all * Doesn’t answer the prompt completely * Doesn’t use text evidence or details are irrelevant or inaccurate | * Unclear * Doesn’t answer the question at all * No evidence, no details, or just inaccurate details |
| **Writing Organization W.1a-d** | * Well planned * Easy to follow the writer’s thoughts * Accurate text evidence that support opinion * Transitions link opinion to reasons * Intro. & conclusion state the opinion | * Planned * Can follow the writer’s thoughts * Accurate text evidence * Uses transitions well most times * Intro. & conclusion | * Somewhat logical * Easy writers thoughts to follow the * Accurate text evidence * Sometimes uses transitions * Basic intro. & conclusion | * Attempted to plan * Hard to follow * Unclear text evidence * Uses transitions sparingly * Unclear intro. & conclusion | * Random order * VERY hard to follow * No text evidence * No transitions * No details or text details |
| **Language Conv. of Grammar & Usage**  **L. 1 and L.3** | **Feedback Notes for Improvement** | | * Good word choice * Good sentence structure * Good tone * Few mistakes that don’t affect meaning | * Good word choice * Good sentence structure * Good tone * Few mistakes that occasionally affect meaning | * Simple words * no variety * Sentence structure * Sentences are not complete |
| **Language Conventions of Mechanics**  **L.2** | * Correct capitalization * Correct punctuation * Correct spelling * Contains a few errors that don’t affect meaning | * Mostly correct capitalization * Mostly correct punctuation * Many spelling errors * Contains a few errors that occasionally affect meaning. | * Too many capitalization errors * Too many punctuation errors * Too many spelling errors * Errors make the writing hard to read and greatly affect meaning. |