**OPINION WRITING GRADE 4 2013**

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| **Trait** | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| Introduce the topic and state an opinion | Creatively presents a topic sentence that includes an opinion | Clearly presents a topic sentence that includes an opinion | States an opinion but does not use a topic sentence | Gives a topic sentence but does not include an opinion  |
| Organization, including a concluding statement | Produces a five-paragraph response with logical order and a concluding statement | Ideas are arranged in a logical order using at least three complete paragraphs and a concluding statement | Ideas are randomly stated, the writing uses at least two complete paragraphs and may or may not have a concluding statement | Ideas are randomly stated, paragraph structure is not complete, and may or may not have a concluding statement |
| Provide reasons to support the opinion | Gives more than three reasons | Gives at least three reasons | Gives two reasons | Gives one reason |
| Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases | Links a clearly-stated opinion with reasons, using transition words and phrases | The reasons stated clearly support the opinion using transition words | Opinion and reasons are not clearly linked and uses transition words occasionally  | Does not link opinion to reasons |
| Conventions (word usage, spelling, grammar) | Produce complete sentences, use correct capitalization and spelling | Few errors in capitalization and spelling; few errors in sentence structure | Numerous errors that sometimes make it difficult to read the text | Frequent errors that often make it difficult to read the text |

Grading:

This rubric is worth 20 points or 100%.