

# Opinion Essay Rubric

4-ME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• clearly states an opinion and provides clear reasons for the opinion</li><li>• supports reasons with relevant evidence</li><li>• uses strong and precise language to make opinion clear and compelling</li><li>• uses transition words and phrases effectively to connect ideas</li><li>• has a strong conclusion that asks readers to take action</li><li>• has a variety of sentences that ow</li><li>• has an engaging and appropriate voice for audience</li><li>• is free or almost free of all errors</li></ul>
3-MP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• states opinion and reasons for the opinion</li><li>• gives valid reasons for the opinion</li><li>• supports reasons with some relevant evidence</li><li>• needs more strong words and precise language</li><li>• could use additional transition words and phrases to connect ideas</li><li>• has an appropriate conclusion that asks readers to take action</li><li>• has a variety of sentences but the ow and rhythm needs improvement</li><li>• has an appropriate voice for audience</li><li>• has a few errors but is easy to read</li></ul>
2-DP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• states opinion but reasons for opinion are not clearly focused or engaging</li><li>• provides sparse or questionable evidence to support reasons</li><li>• lacks strong words and transitions</li><li>• sentences lack variety and flow</li><li>• may have an inappropriate voice for audience</li><li>• frequent errors make the review hard to follow</li></ul>
1-WB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• has an opinion but few to no reasons are given for having it</li><li>• does not include relevant evidence</li><li>• does not use strong words</li><li>• lacks transitions</li><li>• little sentence variety or control</li><li>• has an inappropriate voice for audience</li><li>• has errors that make text difficult to understand</li></ul>

\*\*Rubric from Reading Wonders-Connect Ed.