

Opinion/Argument Writing Rubric Grades 4 & 5

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Organization</p>	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> effectively introduces the opinion/claim skillfully creates an organizational structure in which ideas are <u>logically</u> grouped to support the writer's purpose and the writing task effectively links opinion and reasons using transition words, phrases, <u>and/or clauses</u> provides an effective concluding statement, paragraph or section related to the opinion presented 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clearly introduces the opinion/claim creates an organizational structure in which related ideas are <u>logically</u> grouped to support the writer's purpose links opinion and reasons using transition words, phrases, <u>and/or clauses</u> provides a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> introduces the opinion/claim has a progression of ideas that may lack cohesion (Ideas may be rambling and/or repetitive) attempts to link opinion and reasons using transition words, phrases, <u>and/or clauses</u> provides a sense of closure 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ineffectively introduces the opinion/claim has little or no evidence of purposeful organization ineffectively links opinion and reasons using transition words, phrases, <u>and/or clauses</u> lacks of a sense of closure 	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Word Choice/Fluency/Voice</p>	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> skillfully employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has sentences that are skillfully constructed with appropriate variety of length and structure 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has sentences that are generally complete with sufficient variety of length and structure 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attempts to employ language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has some sentence formation errors and/or lack of sentence variety 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> employs language and tone that may not be appropriate to audience and purpose has frequent and severe sentence formation errors and/or lack of sentence variety 	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Conventions</p>	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates a solid command of standard English conventions; writing is mostly error free and meaning is clear 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates a good command of standard English conventions; overall meaning is clear 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates a basic command of standard English conventions; errors may interfere with understanding 	<p>The writing-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates a limited command of standard English conventions; many errors interfere with understanding 	

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