

# FSPS Opinion Writing Criteria - Grade 1

## Writing Criteria: E

### Key Skills and Understanding

**CC.W.1.1** Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

**Opinion Writing:** Opinion writing states an opinion and gives valid reasons to support that opinion.

### Grade 1

#### Ideas/Research

Expresses opinion about a topic or book

Bases writing on personal opinion

Gathers and uses information from text or multiple sources

#### Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that reflects topic or goal

Begins with an opening statement that reveals the goal

Provides a reason or argument for opinion

Ends with a sentence or statement that restates the goal (closure)

Includes visuals that supports the opinion

#### Language Style

Shows a clear consistent opinion throughout the piece

Uses inviting, descriptive language

Uses *and* to join ideas

*Note.* Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 189), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

## Mentor Text

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1. <http://www.readandwritewithrebecca.com/Mentor-Texts.html>
2. <http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource/4090>
3. <http://pinterest.com/sguevara1/mentor-text/>
4. <http://www.hallco.org/literacy/index.php?view=article&id=7%3>

## Student Exemplars

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1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. <http://www.mybookezz.com/opinion-writing-first-grade-writing-samples/>

## Lesson Resources

### Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. <http://www.ware.k12.ga.us/Curriculum/resources/1/1st%20Grade%20Writing%20Point%20of%20View%20.pdf>
3. <http://www.writestepswriting.com/BLOG/tabid/241/EntryId/18/Supplement-Writing-Lessons-with-Picture-Books.aspx>

### Rubrics:

1. <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=371407>
2. <http://www.hallco.org/literacy/index.php?view=article&id=7%3>

### Graphic Organizers:

1. <http://images.epals.com/gc/projects/Biographies%20Explorer%20Expedition%20Opinion%20Writing%20Organizer%201-6.pdf>
2. <http://oakdome.com/k5/lesson-plans/word/common-core-opinion-writing-template.php>
3. <http://pinterest.com/lianec/rubrics/>
4. <http://www.hallco.org/literacy/index.php?view=article&id=7%3>

### K-1 Powerpoint – “Let’s Write Opinions”

1. <http://www.sfps.info/DocumentCenter/View/7415>

### Professional Text:

1. Houston, G. (2004). *How Writing Works*. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.
2. Owocki, G. (2013). *The Common Core Writing Book*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann
3. Stead, T. & Hoyt, Linda. (2011). *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann