

# FSPS Opinion Writing Criteria - Grade 2

## Writing Criteria: E

### Key Skills and Understanding

**CC.W.2.1** 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 2

#### Ideas/Research

Reflects research and planning to support an opinion

Bases writing on research and personal opinion

Includes facts from research to support 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 supporting reasons or arguments 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 powerful, descriptive language

Uses linking words (e.g., and, because, also) to connect ideas

*Note.* Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 193), 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.writestepswriting.com/BLOG/tabid/241/EntryId/18/Supplementing-Writing-Lessons-with-Picture-Books.aspx>
2. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
3. <http://www.mybookezz.com/opinion-writing-first-grade-writing-samples/>

### 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>

### 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