

FSPS Opinion Writing Criteria - Grade 3

Writing Criteria: E

Key Skills and Understanding

CC.W.3.1 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.

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Ideas/Research

Reflects research and planning to support an opinion

Includes facts from research to support opinion

Gathers and uses information from text or multiple sources

Lists or cites sources

Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that reflects the topic or goal

Has a strong introduction that states an opinion

Lists reasons for the opinion that are supported by facts

Provides a concluding statement or section that supports the opinion

Language Style

Shows a clear, consistent opinion throughout the piece

Writes information in his or her own words

Uses powerful, descriptive language

Uses linking words and phrases to connect ideas (e.g., because, therefore, since, for example, etc.)

Demonstrates sentence variety and fluency

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 164), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Mentor Text

Mentor Text:

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

Student Writing Exemplars:

1. <http://www.monet.k12.ca.us/curriculum/EnglishLA/writing/writing%20samples/sample.html>
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/>

Lesson Resources

Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. <http://www.writestepswriting.com/BLOG/tabid/241/EntryId/18/Supplementing-Writing-Lessons-with-Picture-Books.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.clackesd.k12.or.us/cie/ccss/rubric/ELARubricOpinionGrade3-5.pdf>
3. http://sfw.z-b.com/media/zb/sfwzb/SFW_G2_MSR_OW_0.pdf
4. <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://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