

FSPS Opinion Writing Criteria - Grade K

Writing Criteria: E

Key Skills and Understanding

CC.W.K.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 K

Ideas/Research

Expresses opinion about a topic or book

Makes an attempt at telling

Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that tells what the piece is about

Begins with an opening statement that reveals the goal

Includes visuals that supports the opinion

Language Style

Shows a clear point of view

May use *because* to connect ideas

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 189), 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/>

Student Exemplars

Student Writing Exemplars:

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

Lesson Resources

Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. <http://www.kidskonnnect.com/subjectindex/20-educational/language-arts/350-writing-styles.html>
3. <http://www.mybookezz.com/opinion-writing-first-grade-writing-samples/>

Rubrics:

1. <http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=371407>
2. <http://chippewavalleyela.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/58625048/Kindergarten%20CC%20Opinion%20Writing%20Rubric%209-2012.pdf>
3. <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