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Six Traits Rubric for Opinion Writing

Fifth Grade

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ideas</u></p> <p>10 The clear reasoning informs and convinces the reader.</p> <p>8 The essay has a clear opinion statement. Logical reasons support the writer's opinion.</p> <p>6 The opinion statement is clear, and most reasons support the writer's opinion.</p> <p>4 The opinion statement is clear. Reasons and details are not as complete as they need to be.</p> <p>2 The opinion statement is unclear. Reasons and details are needed.</p> <p>1 An opinion statement, reasons, and details are needed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Word Choice</u></p> <p>10 Strong, engaging, positive words contribute to the main message. Every word counts.</p> <p>8 Strong, positive words help make the message clear.</p> <p>6 Strong, positive words are used, but some may be too negative.</p> <p>4 Many words need to be stronger and more positive.</p> <p>2 The same words are used throughout the essay.</p> <p>1 Word choice does not communicate the main message.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Organization</u></p> <p>10 The organization makes the writing easy to read.</p> <p>8 The beginning, middle, and end work well. Transitions are used.</p> <p>6 The essay's beginning, middle, and an ending use some transitions.</p> <p>4 The middle needs transitions and a paragraph for each main point.</p> <p>2 The beginning, middle and ending all run together. Paragraphs are needed.</p> <p>1 The lack of organization is confusing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sentence Fluency</u></p> <p>5 The sentences are skillfully written with few or no errors.</p> <p>4 There are some sentence errors. More sentence variety is needed.</p> <p>3 The response has many sentence problems. Sentence variety is needed.</p> <p>2 Sentence construction confuses the reader.</p> <p>1 Sentences are not at grade level.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Voice</u></p> <p>10 The writer's voice sounds confident, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic.</p> <p>8 The writer's voice sounds informative and confident. It fits the audience.</p> <p>6 The writer's voice sounds well-informed most of the time and fits the audience.</p> <p>4 The writer sometimes sounds unsure, and the voice needs to fit the audience better.</p> <p>2 The writer sounds unsure. The voice needs to fit the audience.</p> <p>1 The writer needs to be aware of the audience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Conventions</u></p> <p>5 The response has few or minor errors. Paper shows evidence of proofreading.</p> <p>4 The response has some errors in punctuation, spelling or grammar. Proofreading is recommended.</p> <p>3 The response has errors that may confuse the reader.</p> <p>2 The number of errors confuses the reader and makes the essay hard to read.</p> <p>1 Conventions skills are extremely weak.</p>

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