

GRADE 6 – OPINION WRITING STUDENT RUBRIC

✓ = GREAT JOB

✓ = ALMOST THERE

— = ROOM TO GROW

See how you grow				Ask yourself: <i>Did I...?</i>
Focus on Task and Text	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> complete all parts of the prompt, and answer each part completely?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use a tone that fits the writing task and audience? (Example: humorous, serious)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> show understanding of the topic or text by discussing relevant events, important ideas, themes, and key details?
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> introduce my claim in a clear and specific way?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> organize reasons and evidence in a clear order?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> connect evidence to my claim and ideas?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use transition words and phrases to show relationships among claims, reasons, and evidence?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> end with a conclusion that connects to the claim and adds more to the important ideas?

See how you grow				Ask yourself: <i>Did I...?</i>
Development and Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	support my claim with
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> relevant reasons and information?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> facts, examples, and other information from reliable sources?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include relevant evidence from print and/or digital sources?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> paraphrase or quote accurately and credit the author and text correctly?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	create writing that reflects
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> the format of the writing task? (Example: Use correct openings and closing for letters.)
Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> my reason for writing?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> who my readers are and what they know about the topic?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use persuasive language that fits the type of writing? (Example: <i>should</i> in opinion writing)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use domain-specific language ? (Example: words such as <i>harbor</i> when discussing a port city)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use words that fit my audience and writing purpose? (Example: to persuade officials to clean up a harbor)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include different kinds of sentences so my writing is clear and interesting?

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Conventions	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use the rules I know about writing, including grammar?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> check my writing so that it has no errors?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use pronouns correctly to replace nouns?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to separate optional parts of the sentence? (Example: Use tools (hammers and nails) to build a doghouse.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use the rules I know to spell correctly?