

**CCSS Opinion Writing Rubric
Grade 1**

Score	Purpose and Organization	Elaboration	Conventions
4	<p>The response is clearly focused and organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion is clearly stated, focused, and maintained Logical progression of ideas from beginning to end Effective use of varied transitional words to connect opinion and reasons Effective concluding statement 	<p>The response provides thorough and effective elaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reason(s) effectively support opinion Use of examples to clarify reason(s) Effective use of varied, precise, and appropriate academic and domain specific vocabulary 	<p>The response demonstrates a strong command of conventions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> forms and expands complete simple and compound sentences with proper subject verb agreement correctly uses correct capitalization for the first word in a sentence the pronoun “I”, dates, and names of people spells words with common spelling patterns and frequently occurring irregular words correctly and uses inventive spelling for all other words that are decipherable by most readers uses correct end punctuation uses commas correctly in dates and to separate single words in a series (if used)
3	<p>The response is adequately focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion is clear and for the most part maintained Use of simple transitional words to connect opinion and reason Provides an adequate sense of closure 	<p>The response provides adequate elaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a reason that adequately supports the opinion Adequate use of varied, precise, and appropriate academic and domain specific vocabulary 	<p>The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> forms complete simple sentences with proper subject verb agreement most of the time uses capitalization for the first word in a sentence the pronoun “I”, dates, and names of people most of the time spells words with common spelling patterns and frequently occurring irregular words and uses inventive spelling for all other words that are decipherable most of the time uses end punctuation most of the time uses commas in dates and to separate single words in a series (if used)
2	<p>The response is somewhat focused and organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion may be unclear and unfocused Inconsistent or limited use of transitional words Closing, if present, may be weak or patterned Weak connection among ideas 	<p>The response provides some elaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uneven or weak reason to support the opinion Use of simple vocabulary 	<p>The response demonstrates a partial command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> has many capitalization errors spelling errors interfere with reading inconsistent use of punctuation
1	<p>The response lacks focus and organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be off topic, or include extraneous details Fails to state an opinion May be confusing No transitional words 	<p>The response provides minimal elaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks reason to support the opinion Uses limited language 	<p>The response demonstrates a lack of command of conventions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors in capitalization, punctuation, and spelling are frequent and meaning is often obscured