

**CCSS Opinion Writing Rubric
Grade 2**

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, consistent use of a variety of transitional words or phrases Effective introduction and conclusion 	<p>The response provides thorough and effective elaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons effectively support the opinion Effective use of examples and explanations to clarify reasons 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"> Few, if any, errors in usage and sentence formation Effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
3	<p>The response is adequately focused and organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion is clear and for the most part maintained, though some loosely related material may be present Adequate progression of ideas from beginning to end Adequate use of transitional words or phrases Adequate introduction and conclusion 	<p>The response provides adequate elaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons adequately support the opinion Adequate use of examples and explanations to clarify reasons Adequate use of appropriate academic and domain specific vocabulary 	<p>The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors in usage and sentence formation but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed Adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
2	<p>The response is somewhat focused and organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be focused on an opinion but is insufficiently sustained Opinion may be unclear and unfocused Inconsistent use of transitional words or phrases Uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end Introduction and conclusion, if present are weak 	<p>The response provides some elaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uneven or weak reasons to support the opinion Use of examples and explanations to clarify reasons, if present, are limited and weak Use of simple vocabulary 	<p>The response demonstrates a partial command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning Inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
1	<p>The response lacks focus and organization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be very brief May be off topic or include extraneous details May be confusing Few or no transitional words or phrases 	<p>The response provides minimal elaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal or irrelevant reasons Uses limited language 	<p>The response demonstrates a lack of command of conventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors are frequent and severe and meaning is often obscured