

Opinion Writing

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OPINION WRITING

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WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Graphic Organizers

Opinion Text

- Tells a reader...
- Author...

Graphic Organizer

Opinion: _____

Reason #: _____

Example: _____

Reason #2: _____

Example: _____

Reason #3: _____

Example: _____

Opinion: _____

What Does an Opinion Text Include?

What does an opinion text include?

It includes an opinion that the author's details that support the author's opinion that restates the opinion.

Opinion Text Checklist

Includes:

that tells the reader what the author's opinion is

that

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Planning Rubric		
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I outlined three strong reasons to convince my reader.	I outlined two strong reasons to convince my reader.	I outlined one strong reason to convince my reader.
I outlined one clear and convincing example that is a fact or detail to prove each reason.	I outlined one example that proves each reason.	I did not outline any examples that prove my reasons.

Rubrics

Opinion Introduction

- An introduction tells the reader the author's opinion is.
- An author should engage the reader by writing an introduction that includes the author's opinion.

Strategy to HOOK the Reader

Asking a Question



Description Using Sensory Details



Interesting Fact



Explaining Topic



Opinion Introduction

Write your introduction using a hook strategy.

Hook Strategy: _____

Hook: _____

Lesson Planning Sheets

Opinion Introduction Starters

- In my opinion...
 - I prefer...
 - I think...
 - I feel...
 - I know...
 - I believe...
 - The best thing about...
 - The greatest part about...
 - The worst part about...
 - Everyone should...
- _____ is better than _____ because _____
- If you liked _____, then you will love _____

Opinion Writing Templates

Stationary

Title: _____

Introduction: _____

Reason 1: _____

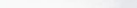
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FACT VS. OPINION

A **fact** is something that can be proven. It is a piece of information used as evidence. 

An **opinion** is view or judgement about something. It is a belief or view about a topic. 

Paste the facts in the FACT column and the opinions in the OPINION column.

FACT	OPINION
A dog's sense of smell is 10,000 to 100,000 times stronger than humans.	Chihuahuas have an irritating bark.
Laika, a dog from Moscow, was sent to space in 1957.	Having a dog as a pet takes a lot of work.
Dogs can understand up to 250 words and gestures.	Dogs are expensive to take care of.
Dogs were the first species to be domesticated.	
Dogs are carnivores.	

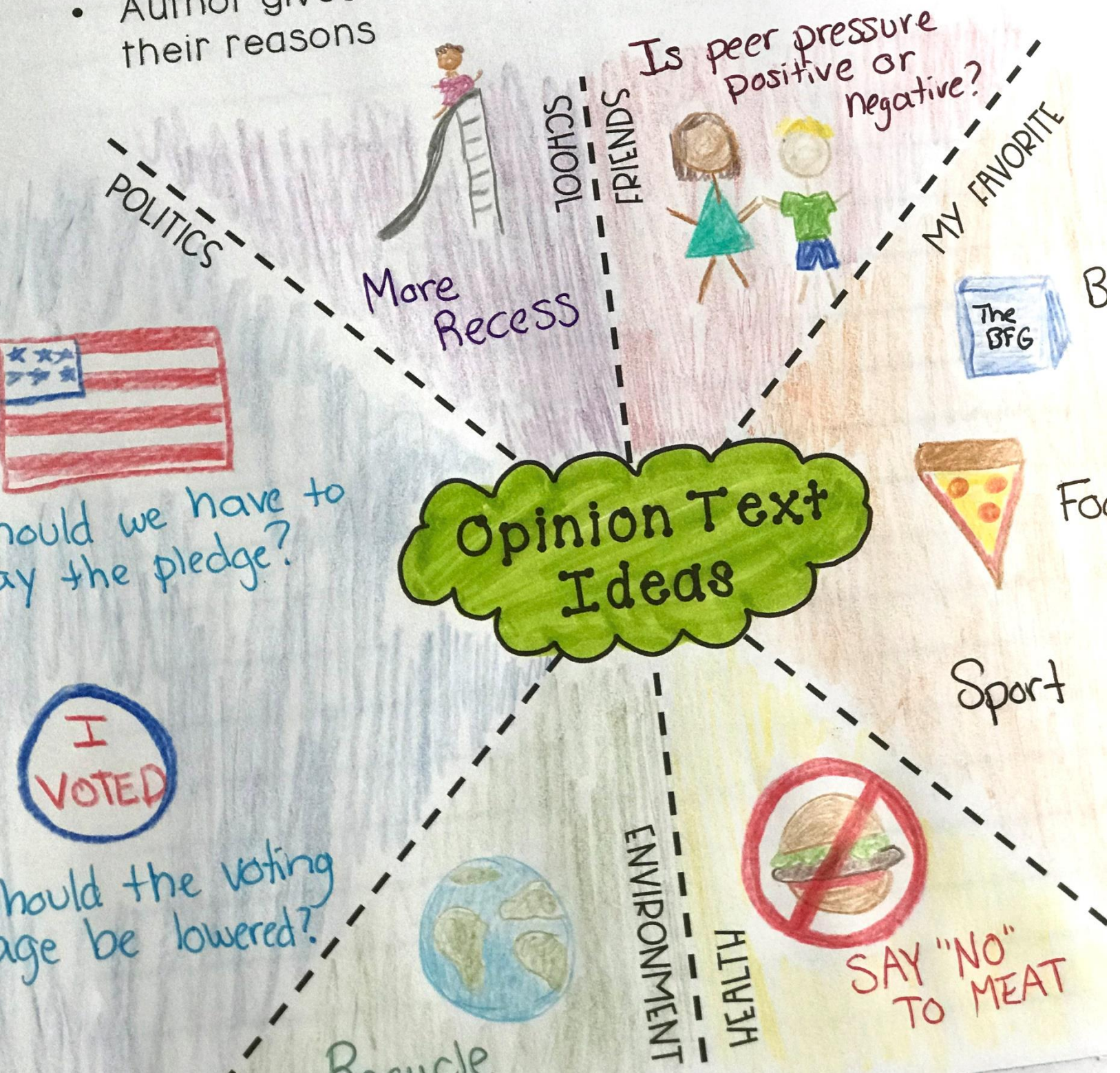
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Dogs are

Labradors are the best
of dogs for families.

Opinion Text

- Tells a reader what the author thinks about a topic
- Author gives reasons for their opinion
- Author gives examples and facts that support their reasons



What does OPINION TEXT LOOK LIKE?

Opinion text includes:

- An Introduction that tells the reader what the author's opinion is.
- Reasons for the author's opinion.
- Facts and details that support each reason.
- A conclusion that restates the author's opinion.



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OPINION TEXT

Authors write about topics they are experts on. Write three things you could write an opinion text on.

★ I really want to have a pet bunny

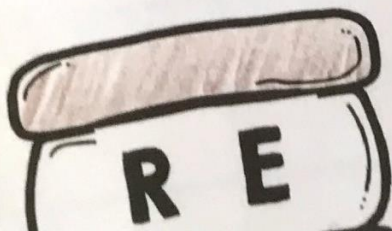
★ The best food is pizza

★ I believe school should be year round

Circle the topic you would like to write about.



OREO Opinion Text Graphic Organizer



Opinion: People should
recycle.

Reason #1: Harmful chemicals
and gasses are released from landfill

Example: landfill gas seeps into soil
and air.

Reason #2: _____

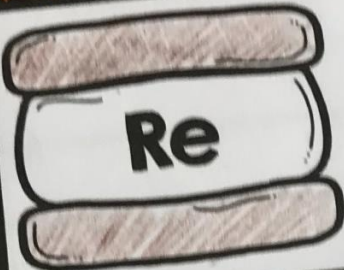
Example: _____

Reason #3: _____

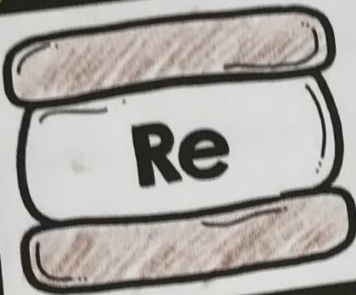
Example: _____



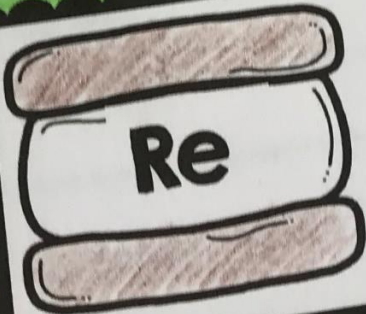
Opinion



Reason # 1
• Example



Reason # 2
• Example



Reason # 3
• Example







Opinion

Opinion Text: People Should...

Opinion Introduction



- An introduction tells the reader what the author's opinion is.
- An author should engage the reader in their introduction by writing a HOOK.

Strategy to HOOK the Reader	Example	Non Example
Ask a Question 	Are you looking for a best friend and a companion that will always be there for you?	Do you want a dog for a pet?
Description Using Sensory Details 	Imagine coming home to an adorable puppy excitedly wagging his tail as	
Interesting Fact 		
Explain Why the Topic Matters 		

Opinion Introduction

Write your introduction using a hook.



Hook Strategy: description

Hook: Imagine coming home to an adorable puppy excitedly wagging his tail.

Tell Your Topic: In my opinion, dogs are the best pets.

Opinion Introduction starters

- In my opinion...
- I prefer...
- I think...
- I feel...
- I know...
- I believe...
- The best thing about...
- The greatest part about...
- The worst part about...
- Everyone should...
- ...is better than ... because
- If you liked ..., then you will love ...



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Introduction Rubric

✓ +	✓	✓ -
I engage the reader by asking a question, using descriptive details, stating an interesting fact, or explaining why the topic matters.	I attempted to engage the reader by asking a question, using descriptive details, stating an interesting fact, or explaining why the topic matters.	I did not engage the reader.
I clearly state my opinion.	I state my opinion	I do not state my opinion.

Reason Paragraphs

- *Authors of opinion text need to include reasons for their opinion,
- *They support their reasons with examples, facts, and details that support their opinion.

Use a linking word to connect your opinion with your reason.



Linking words: *because, therefore, since, for example*



Opinion: _____



Linking word or phrase: _____



Reason #: _____

Example: _____



Reason #2: _____

Example: _____



Reason #3: _____

Example: _____

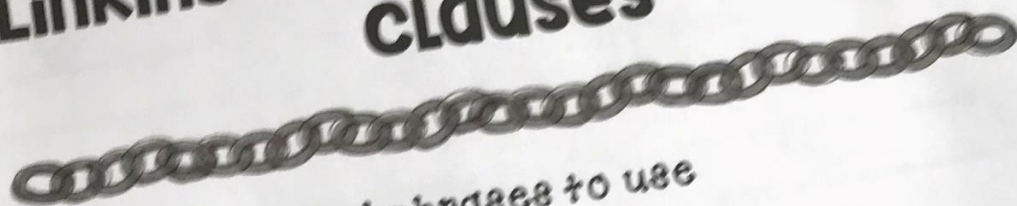
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REASONS

✓ +	✓	✓ -
I have given two to three convincing reasons for my opinion. My reasons are presented in a logical order.	I have given two convincing reasons for my opinion.	I have given one convincing reason for my opinion.
Each reason has one or more supportive examples, facts, or details.	Each reason has at least one supportive example.	I do not include supportive examples, facts, or details to support my opinion.
I use appropriate linking words, phrases, and clauses to connect my opinion to my reasons.	I use appropriate linking words	I do not use appropriate linking words to connect my opinion to my reasons.

Linking words, phrases, and clauses



Linking words and phrases to use when providing reasons:

- First
- To start
- To begin with
- Second
- Next
- Another reason
- Finally
- Lastly
- Most importantly



Linking words and phrases to use when providing examples, facts, and details:

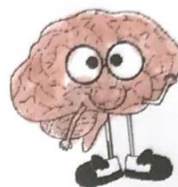
- For instance
- For example
- In order to
- In addition
- In particular
- Specifically
- In other words
- In fact
- Consequently
- Specifically



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Opinion Conclusion

- A conclusion ties everything up by summarizing what the author's opinion is.
- An author should leave the reader thinking about the topic.



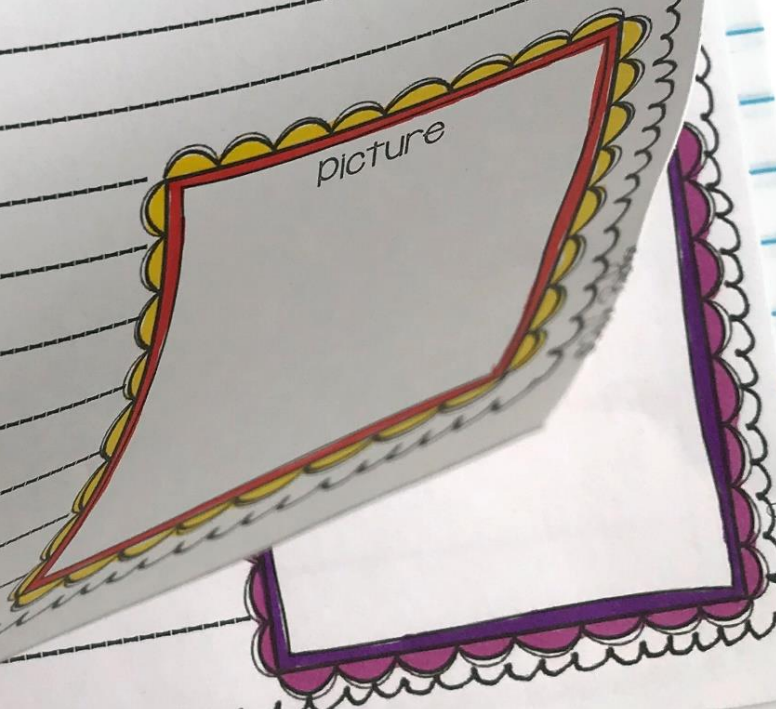
Strategy	Example
Appeal to Reader's Emotions	Imagine the feeling you will get when you snuggle with your new best friend every day.
Call to Action	

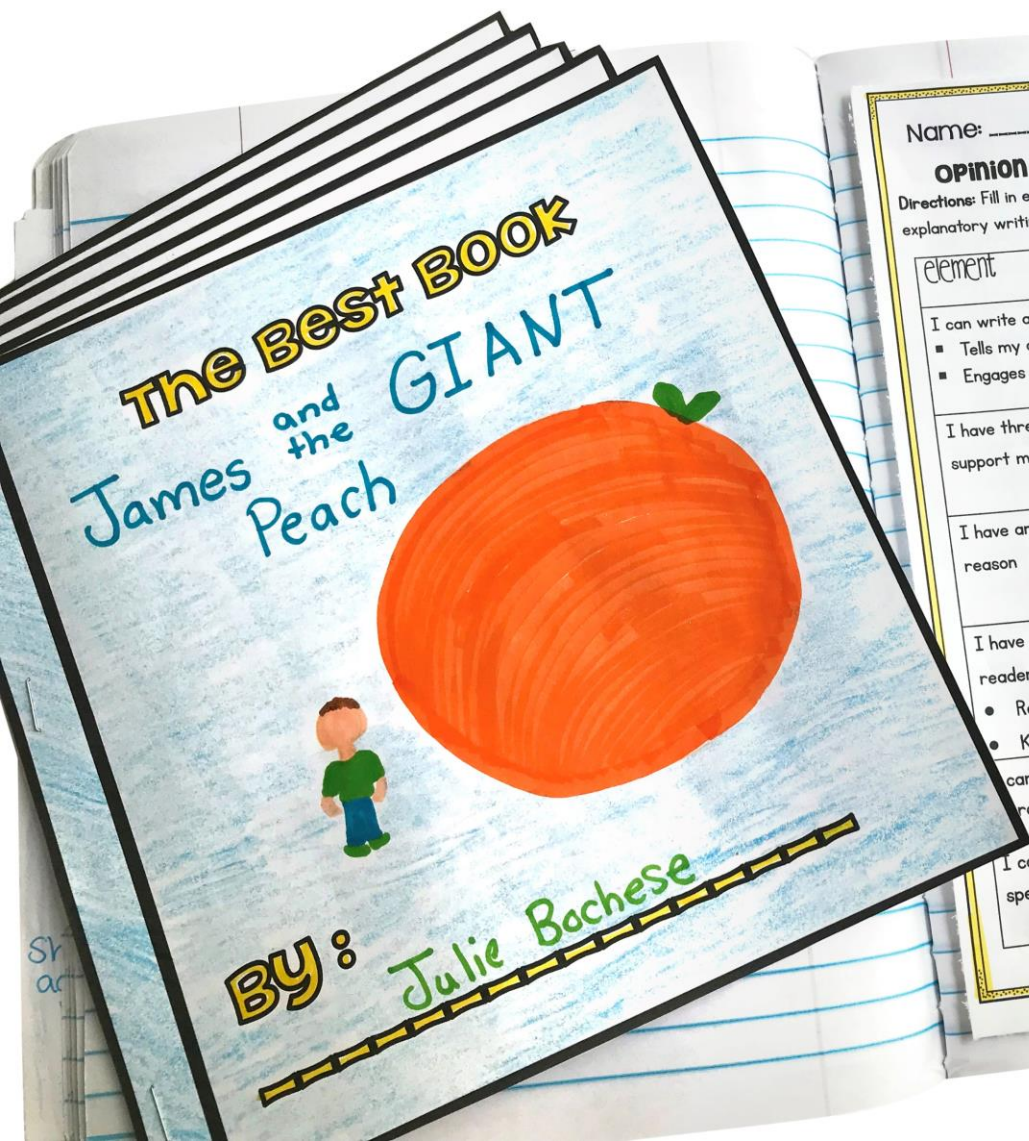


Title: _____

Introduction:

Reason 1:





Name: _____ Date: _____

Opinion Writing Teaching & Learning Rubric

Directions: Fill in examples from your writing to prove that you met each element of explanatory writing.

element	evidence from writing
I can write an introduction that <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Tells my opinion▪ Engages the reader	
I have three clear reasons to support my opinion.	
I have an example that supports each reason	
I have a Conclusion that leaves reader satisfied <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restates my opinion• Keeps the reader thinking	
I can write with effective linking words and good vocabulary choice.	
I can write with proper punctuation, spelling, and grammar.	





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