**Opinion Essay**

**Student-Friendly Writing Rubric (Grades 3-5)**

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| Statement of Purpose/Focus and Organization | Evidence and Elaboration | Conventions/Editing |
| The response is focused and complete.   * opinion is clearly stated and focused throughout * opinion is communicated clearly and responds to the prompt   The response is clearly organized.   * uses linking words and phrases to connect ideas * ideas are organized from beginning to end * includes an introduction and a conclusion | The response provides support for the opinion.   * uses evidence from sources * evidence is smoothly connected to the opinion * elaborates on evidence   The response clearly expresses ideas.   * uses academic vocabulary including meaningful words from the text | The response displays understanding of conventions of writing.   * uses complete and correct sentences * uses correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling |