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| **Opinion Writing Rubric****1st Grade** |
| **Score** | **Statement of Purpose / Focus** **and Organization (4-point rubric)** | **Conventions/Editing****(2-point rubric begins at score point 2)** |
| **4** | The response is fully sustained and consistently and purposefully focused:* Introduce the topic/name the book they are writing about
* State an opinion
* Supply reasons
* Provides closing statement or section
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| **3** | The response is adequately sustained and generally focused:* Introduce the topic/name the book they are writing about
* State an opinion
* Supply a reason
* Provide some sense of closure
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| **2** | The response is somewhat sustained and may have a minor drift in focus:* Unclear or unfocused topic or opinion
* Unclear or irrelevant reason
* Unclear closure
 | The response demonstrates an adequate command of conventions: * Capitalizes the first word in a sentence, dates, names of people, and the pronoun *I*
* Uses end punctuation
* Uses commas in dates and to separate single words in a series
* Uses conventional spelling for words with common spelling patterns and for frequently occurring irregular words
* Spell untaught words phonetically, drawing on phonemic awareness and spelling conventions
* Some errors in usage and sentence formation are present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed
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| **1** | The response may be related to the topic but may provide little or no focus:* Unclear or unfocused topic or opinion
* No reason
* No sense of closure
 | The response demonstrates partial command of conventions: * Errors in usage may obscure meaning
* Inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling
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| **0** |  | The response demonstrates a lack of command of conventions. |
| **NS** | Insufficient, illegible, foreign language, incoherent, off topic, or off-purpose writing |  |