

Student #1 (BA)

Should We Worry About What We Eat?

Too many children are obese. Obese means to be overweight. If you eat junk food and sugary snacks then you will feel sick and you could also get obese. About 1/3 of children and teens are overweight.

Student quotes source material but fails to elaborate on how it supports the claim.

Students orients the reader with an introduction by identifying/defining obesity and providing a fact from the source material.

First Lady Mrs. Michelle Obama has started a "Lets Move" Program. This will get children more active. The rules include taking sugary snacks and drinks. This is going to lower the chances of kids getting diabetes and heart disease. More than 3 out of 4 schools sell unhealthy snacks.

I think childhood obesity is a problem for schools and something needs to be done about it. I also think that you should always make healthy choices because it is important.

Student makes a claim, but fails to elaborate on why an action should be taken.

Too many children are obese. I think that is bad. Mrs. Obama is going to help. She is going to stop childhood obesity.

Student attempts a conclusion, but fails to develop ideas.

Next Steps: Mini-Lesson on how to effectively use source material to support claim as well as making their own comments on the source facts. (Extending)

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4th Grade Opinion Writing Rubric

W4.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons

Scoring Criteria	1 Beginning	2 Approaching	3 Competent*	4 Advanced
Purpose and Focus W4.1.d-e; W.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Launches directly into opinion without an introduction to the topic/text. <input type="checkbox"/> Shows little or no awareness of purpose. <input type="checkbox"/> Shows little or no awareness of audience's needs by providing inadequate or no context. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts an introduction to the topic/text. <input type="checkbox"/> Shows some awareness of purpose by stating an opinion. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shows some awareness of audience's needs by attempting to provide some context. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orients the reader with an introduction to the topic/text. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Establishes a purpose by stating an opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Shows an awareness of audience's needs by providing relevant contextual details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Orients the reader with an engaging introduction to the topic/text. <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes purpose by stating a convincing opinion; maintains focus throughout. <input type="checkbox"/> Shows strong awareness of audience's needs by anticipating the reader's response to the opinion.
Idea Development and Structure W4.1.a-d; W4.4; W4.7; W4.8; W4.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does not organize ideas and information coherently due to a lack of introduction, body and conclusion. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides reason(s) for opinion that may be illogical. <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts to support reason(s) with facts, details, but makes irrelevant connections. <input type="checkbox"/> Includes supporting details that appear to be in no particular order. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does not use transitional words and phrases to link opinion and reason(s). <input type="checkbox"/> Ends seemingly in the middle of a section with no sense of closure. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not list sources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Organizes ideas and information in an attempted introduction, body and conclusion. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides reasons for opinion. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supports reasons with information (facts, details), some of which may be illogical or inaccurate. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizes reasons, facts, and details into sections or paragraphs that feel mostly cohesive, but may also include some information that does not seem to fit. These sections or paragraphs appear to be in no particular order. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses some transitional words and phrases, but may be repetitive. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides a concluding statement or insufficient. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides limited list of sources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizes ideas and information into logical introduction, body and conclusion. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides clear, logical reasons for opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides clear explanation of how information (facts, details) supports opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Organizes related ideas into sections or paragraphs to logically support the writer's purpose. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a variety of transitional words and phrases (e.g., <i>for instance</i>, <i>in order to</i>, <i>in addition</i>) to link opinion to reasons and reasons to supporting facts and details. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a satisfactory concluding statement or section related to the opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a list of sources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Organizes ideas and information into purposeful, coherent introduction, body and conclusion. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides insightful reasons for opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides insightful explanation of how information supports opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Organizes related ideas into sections or paragraphs that are ordered in a way that strengthens the impact of the opinion (e.g., ordering reasons from least to most compelling). <input type="checkbox"/> Uses transitional words, phrases, and clauses including some that are more sophisticated (e.g., ones that show cause and effect, etc.). <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a compelling concluding statement or section that builds on the opinion. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a comprehensive list of sources.
Language And Conventions L4.1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shows little evidence of correct grammar and usage, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses many incomplete sentences. <input type="checkbox"/> Makes convention errors (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization) that impede communication. <input type="checkbox"/> Shows little or no awareness of good word choice to convey appropriate tone for audience (e.g., formal vs. informal). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shows some evidence of correct grammar and usage, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses mostly simple sentences. <input type="checkbox"/> Makes some convention errors (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization) that do not impede communication. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shows some awareness of good word choice to convey appropriate tone for audience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shows frequent evidence of correct grammar and usage, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs. <input type="checkbox"/> Constructs simple, compound, and complex sentences. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uses conventions correctly (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization). <input type="checkbox"/> Makes good word choices to convey an appropriate tone for audience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates correct grammar and usage, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs throughout. <input type="checkbox"/> Constructs a variety of sentence structures. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses conventions (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization) to communicate effectively and clarify the writing. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses words and phrases skillfully to connect with audience.

*Meets Standards

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1. Overall, how would you describe the writing's use of source material? Select the option that best describes the writing's overall use of source material. *

- Skillfully integrates source material to fully support the paper's claim
- Integrates source material to support the paper's claim
- Uses source material in ways that somewhat support the paper's claim
- Summarizes or copies source material; may or may not present a claim
- Does not use source material

2. Does the writing distinguish between the student's own ideas and the source material, including the use of clearly indicated paraphrasing, quotation marks, or signal phrases? *

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| Not present | Developing | Competently | Effectively |
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3. Does the writing comment on the source material? *

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| Not present | Developing | Competently | Effectively |
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4. Does the writing characterize the credibility of the source material or author? *

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5. Does the writing use source material for any of the following purposes? Check all that apply: *

- Illustrating | Use specific examples from the text to support the claim
- Authorizing | Refer to an "expert" to support the claim
- Extending | Put your own "spin" on terms and ideas you take from other texts
- Countering | "Push back" against the text in some way (e.g., disagree with it, challenge something it says, or interpret it differently)
- None of the above

6. What do you see as next steps for this student? *

Work on ways to use the source material to further support the claim.