

Kindergarten Opinion Writing Rubric

WK.1 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to compose opinion pieces in which they tell a reader the topic or the name of the book they are writing about and state an opinion or preference about the topic or book (e.g., My favorite book is...).				
Scoring Criteria	1 - Beginning	2 - Approaching	3 - Competent*	4 - Advanced
Purpose and Focus WK.1, 7, 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Draws and dictates a piece, but topic is unclear. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not include opinion/preference about topic or book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Draws and/or dictates a piece that tells the topic or names the book. <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies an opinion/preference about topic or book that is unclear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Draws, dictates, and/or writes a piece that tells the topic or names the book. <input type="checkbox"/> States clearly an opinion/preference about topic or book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Draws and/or writes a piece that introduces the topic or the book. <input type="checkbox"/> States clearly an opinion/preference about topic or book that shows an awareness of audience.
Idea Development and Structure WK.1, 7, 8 RFK.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does not include a reason for opinion/preference. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not relate picture to the writing. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not place Ideas are in a logical order. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes in all directions. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not separate words by spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts to provide a reason for the opinion/preference, but the connection is unclear. <input type="checkbox"/> Connects picture to the writing loosely. <input type="checkbox"/> Places some ideas in logical order. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes most words left to right. <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to space words correctly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a clear relevant reason for the opinion/preference. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports the writing with pictures. <input type="checkbox"/> Places ideas in logical order. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes words left to right. <input type="checkbox"/> Separates words by spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides more than one relevant reason for the opinion/preference. <input type="checkbox"/> Extends the writing with pictures. <input type="checkbox"/> Places ideas in a logical, meaningful order. <input type="checkbox"/> Writes words left to right and separates by spaces. <input type="checkbox"/> Creates a sense of closure.
Language and Conventions LK.1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses scribbles, letter like marks and/or some correct letters. <input type="checkbox"/> Attempts to use words to label pictures. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not use capitalization and ending punctuation. <input type="checkbox"/> Spells some words with initial and/or ending letters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Forms some upper and lower case letters correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses words, phrases and/or simple sentences. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses random capitalization and ending punctuation. <input type="checkbox"/> Makes some attempt at spelling words phonetically. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Forms many upper and lower case letters correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses nouns, verbs and prepositions in simple sentences. <input type="checkbox"/> Begins to use capitalization and ending punctuation. <input type="checkbox"/> Spells simple words phonetically. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Forms all upper and lower case letters correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses simple and/or compound sentences including nouns, verbs and prepositions. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses capitalization and ending punctuation correctly. <input type="checkbox"/> Spells most words correctly and/or phonetically.