

2nd Grade Opinion Writing Rubric

Criteria	4 Points (Exceeding)	3 Points (Meeting)	2 Points (Approaching)	1 Point (Beginning)
Opinion Statement	Clearly states a strong, specific opinion with engaging language	States a clear opinion that is easy to understand	Opinion is present but somewhat vague or unclear	Opinion is missing or extremely unclear
Reasons	Provides 3-4 detailed, relevant reasons that strongly support the opinion	Provides 2-3 clear reasons that support the opinion	Provides 1-2 weak or partially related reasons	Provides no clear reasons or reasons are unrelated
Evidence/Details	Uses specific, descriptive details that effectively explain reasons	Uses some relevant details to support reasons	Includes minimal details with limited explanation	Almost no supporting details present
Organization	Writes 4 or more well-structured sentences with a clear beginning and ending	Writes 4 complete sentences with a logical flow	Writes 3 sentences with some organizational issues	Writes fewer than 3 sentences or writing is very disorganized
Language & Conventions	Uses grade-appropriate spelling, capitalization, and punctuation with no errors	Uses mostly correct spelling and conventions with minimal errors	Contains several spelling or convention errors	Numerous spelling and convention errors make writing difficult to understand

Note This rubric aligns with 2nd-grade writing standard 2W1, encouraging students to express their opinions clearly and thoughtfully.