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## Opinion Writing Checklist

Grade 3		NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES!
<b>Structure</b>				
<b>Overall</b>	I told readers my opinion and ideas on a text or a topic and helped them understand my reasons.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Lead</b>	I wrote a beginning in which I not only set readers up to expect that this would be a piece of opinion writing, but also tried to hook them into caring about my opinion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Transitions</b>	I connected my ideas and reasons with my examples using words such as <i>for example</i> and <i>because</i> . I connected one reason or example using words such as <i>also</i> and <i>another</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ending</b>	I worked on an ending, perhaps a thought or comment related to my opinion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Organization</b>	I wrote several reasons or examples of why readers should agree with my opinion and wrote at least several sentences about each reason.  I organized my information so that each part of my writing was mostly about one thing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Development</b>				
<b>Elaboration</b>	I not only named my reasons to support my opinion, but also wrote more about each one.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Craft</b>	I not only told readers to believe me, but also wrote in ways that got them thinking or feeling in certain ways.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Language Conventions</b>				
<b>Spelling</b>	I used what I knew about word families and spelling rules to help me spell and edit.  I got help from others to check my spelling and punctuation before I wrote my final draft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Punctuation</b>	I punctuated dialogue correctly with commas and quotation marks.  While writing, I put punctuation at the end of every sentence.  I wrote in ways that helped readers read with expression, reading some parts quickly, some slowly, some parts in one sort of voice and others in another.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>