Opinion Writing

Unit of Study

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What is an opinion?

• Your point of view
• A belief or feeling
• A result of how you feel
• Something that might be supported by an argument
• Something that can be the result of someone’s feelings or beliefs
• Something that can be supported by facts and details
Mentor Texts for Opinion Writing

- I Wanna Iguana by Karen Kaufman Orloff
- I Wanna New Room by Karen Kaufman Orloff
- Hey, Little Ant by Phillip M. Hoose
- Pigeon books by Mo Willems
- A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea by Michael Ian Black
- Spoon by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- I Can be Anything by Jerry Spinelli
- What if You Had Animal Hair by Sandra Markle
- What if You Had Animal Teeth by Sandra Markle & Howard McWilliam
- Shark vs. Train by Chris Barton
- The Perfect Pet by Margie Palatini
- My Brother Dan is Delicious by Steven L. Layne
- Earrings by Judith Viorst

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Our Noticings

We are reading ________________________________

The author is ________________________________

As you are reading, record four things you notice about the piece of writing.
Fact & Opinion Quick Check

My topic is: ______________________________

A fact is:

An opinion is:
Fact & Opinion Quick Check

Write a fact about a dog.

Write an opinion about a dog.
Fact & Opinion Quick Check

My favorite food is: ______________________________

A fact is: 

An opinion is: 

Name: _____________________________

Fact & Opinion Quick Check

My favorite food is: ______________________________

A fact is: 

An opinion is:
Persuasive vs. Opinion Writing

**Persuasive Writing**

Goal: Persuade readers to understand and agree with an argument.
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An Opinion Needs a Good Reason

__________________ is my favorite food because ________________________

__________________ is my favorite kind of pet because ________________________

__________________ is my favorite restaurant because ________________________

__________________ is my favorite candy because ________________________
Opinion Writing Sentence Frames

- My favorite school subject
- My favorite holiday
- My favorite football team
- My favorite animal
- My favorite fruit
- My favorite dessert
- My favorite sport
- My favorite color
- The best snack
- The best hobby
- The best dinner
- The best kind of pizza
- The best thing to drink
- The best school
- The best video game
- The worst food
- The worst habit
- The worst vegetable

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Name: _____________________________

A Reason for My Opinion

______________________________

Name: _____________________________

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______________________________
Cats are easy pets.
The above sentence states an opinion. Give four reasons that support that opinion.
Rainy Days are Fun

The above sentence states an opinion. Give four reasons that support that opinion.
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I think our class should get a pet fish.

The best color is yellow.

P.E. is the best school subject.

My favorite season is winter.

Apples are the best fruit.

Dogs are my favorite animal.

My favorite sport is basketball.

My favorite dessert is chocolate cake.
They are easy to take care of.

It is a bright color.

It helps me get out energy.

I have fun sledding in the snow.

I like that they are crunchy and sweet.

They are soft to pet.

It is fun to dribble the ball.

It tastes good with ice cream on top.
They are inexpensive.

It makes me think of the sun.

It is good for your heart.

I like to build snowmen.

They are a healthy food to eat.

They are friendly.

I like to shoot baskets.

I like it best when it has chocolate icing on top.
Opinion Sentence Starters

- I feel
- I think
- I prefer
- I know
- I believe
- In my opinion
- The best thing about
- The worst thing about
- ________ is better than
- ________ because
- If you liked ________, then you will like ________ because
- Everyone should
Transition Phrases

Use phrases like these...

- One reason
- Another reason
- For example
- In addition

Don’t start with these words...

- and
- but

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Organizing My Thoughts

My opinion is:

__________________________________________

__________________________________________

__________________________________________

I think this because:
Organizing My Thoughts

My opinion is:

__________________________________________
__________________________________________
__________________________________________

I think this because:

[Blank spaces for writing]
Organizing My Thoughts

Reason 1: 

Reason 2: 

Reason 3: 

Reason 4: 

My opinion is...
Organizing My Thoughts

My opinion is...

Reason 1:

Reason 2:

Reason 3:
Fish vs. Dog

Fishing vs. Playing Basketball

Ice Cream Cones vs. Popsicles

Fishing vs. Playing Basketball

Cookies vs. Apples

Cats vs. Lizards
Skating vs. Reading

Pizza vs. Pasta

Ferris Wheel vs. Roller Coaster

Video Games vs. Water Balloons
This book is dedicated to:
Opinion Writing Checklist

☐ My opinion is clearly stated.

☐ I have 2  3  4 (circle one) ideas to support my opinion.

☐ I have used an opinion writing sentence starter.

☐ I have used transition phrases in my writing.

☐ My reasons make sense.
Congrats, Author!

______________________ is an expert opinion writer!

Teacher: _____________________

Date: _______________

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