Author \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4th Grade Opinion Writing Rubric**

**I can write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Beginning (1) | Almost There (2) | Got it -WOW! (3) | Comments |
| **Topic**  a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose. | I have not stated the topic clearly. | I have a topic or text that is clearly stated and my opinion is evident. | I have clearly stated topic or text, my opinion is evident, and my organization supports my purpose. |  |
| **Reasons**  b. Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details. | I have not provided reasons for my opinion. | I have provided several reasons for my opinion. | I have provided reasons for my opinion and have supported it with facts and details. |  |
| **Linking Words**  c. Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases | I have not used linking words and/or phrases | I have used some linking words and/or phrases to connect most of my reasons to my opinion. | I have used linking words and/or phrases to connect my reasons to my opinion. |  |
| **Conclusion**  d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented. | I have not written a conclusion. | I have written a complete conclusion that is not totally related to my opinion. | I have written a concluding statement or section that is related to my opinion. |  |

(adapted from the Jordan School District)