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**Third Grade**

**Opinion Writing Rubric**

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

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|  | Beginning (1) | Almost There (2) | Got It-Wow! (3) | Comments |
| **Topic**  a. Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons. | I have stated my topic or text. | I have stated my topic or text clearly and I have stated my opinion. | I have stated my topic clearly, I have stated my opinion, and my thoughts are well organized. |  |
| **Reasons**  b. Provide reasons that support the opinion. | I have not written reasons for my opinion. | I have written one reason for my opinion. | I have written several reasons for my opinion. |  |
| **Linking Words**  c. Use linking words and phrases to connect opinion and reasons. | I have not used linking words. | I have used a few linking words. | I have used linking words and/or phrases to connect my opinion and reasons together. |  |
| **Conclusion**  d. Provide a concluding statement or section. | I have not written a conclusion. | I have written a conclusion that does not match my opinion. | I have written a concluding statement or section that matches my opinion. |  |

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