

Sample Grading Grid

Opinion Essay

STUDENT
NAME _____

Comments:

Has the student communicated his/her ideas clearly and expressed them well? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Is there something noteworthy about the ideas or the writing (humor, insightfulness, obvious delight for the topic, and so on)? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Is the QSFSQ intriguing? (Question, Statement, Fact, Story, or Quotation to begin the introduction) 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Does the introduction clearly introduce the topic and opinion? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Do the points support the opinion? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Are they arranged in an effective order? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Does the conclusion adequately sum up the topic and opinion? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Are there separate paragraphs for the intro, each point, and conclusion? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Was the paper handed in on time? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Did the student follow the written instructions? 1-10 points	<input type="text"/>
Grade	<input type="text"/>

Note: Students will express their opinion in the introduction; however, they have not yet learned about thesis statements. Also, grammar and mechanics are not graded in this first essay of the year.

