

2nd Grade Writing Packet Week 1

Daily Tasks	Learning Activities	Optional Activities
<p>Day 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the Day 1 Lesson on opinion writing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the Day 1 lesson 2. Fill in the step-by-step OREO organizer 	
<p>Day 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Try opinion writing for yourself! 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write your favorite snack on the OREO opinion organizer 2. Fill out the OREO organizer 	<p>Complete another OREO organizer on your own and pick a new snack</p>
<p>Day 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the Day 3 lesson on reasons and examples 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read the Day 3 lesson 2. Complete the cut-and-paste sheet on reasons and examples <p>**no scissors? Number each box and write the number in the correct column</p>	<p>Come up with 3 of your own reasons and examples for your favorite treat</p>
<p>Day 4:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rough Draft of your opinion writing piece 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose a topic from the BINGO Opinion Writing Sheet 2. Fill out the OREO organizer 3. Use your OREO organizer to write a final draft on the final draft sheet 	<p>Choose another topic on the BINGO board and complete another OREO sheet.</p>
<p>Day 5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the Day 5 checklist 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use the checklist to see how you did with your final draft 2. Share your opinion writing final draft with a teacher, family member, pet, or stuffy! 	<p>Revise and edit your final draft to add what you missed from the checklist</p>

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Day 1:

Today we are going to start a new writing unit. We are going to learn about and practice writing Opinion Paragraphs.

An opinion is what you **think** or how you **feel** about a topic. An opinion is not a **fact**. An opinion does not have to be proven.

Opinion paragraphs are a type of persuasive writing. Persuasive means you want to try to convince a friend to think like you do. For example, if you think chocolate ice cream is the best, you can write an opinion paper to convince readers that chocolate ice cream is the best.

In an opinion paragraph, the writer tells his opinion and then tells **why** he has that opinion.

Opinion paragraphs follow this simple structure:

- Opinion statement
- Reason 1
- Example
- Reason 2
- Example
- Opinion restated

You can think of it like an Oreo cookie to help you remember how an opinion paragraph is organized!

O is for **opinion**: state your opinion

R is for **reason**: Give 1-3 reasons why you think/feel that way

E is for **example**: provide evidence to support each reason

O is for **opinion**: restate your opinion, but use **different words** this time!

Here is an example paragraph!

Most people I know think that cookies are yummy. Do you have a favorite cookie? I think that Oreo cookies are the best! (*opinion statement*) First of all, I love the sweet, creamy frosting in the middle (*reason*). Sometimes I take the cookie apart and eat the frosting first! (*example*). Secondly, the two chocolate wafers on the outside are the perfect amount of crunchy (*reason*). They are easy to separate with a quick twist and they don't get too soggy when dipped in a glass of milk (*example*). Lastly, there are lots of different kinds of Oreos to choose from, depending on your mood (*reason*). You can choose from double stuffed, thin style, mint filling, lemon filling, strawberry filling and much more! (*example*). As you can see, there is no better cookie than an Oreo cookie. If you have never tried one, you should! No cookie beats an Oreo when it comes to satisfying a variety of cookie cravings (*opinion restated*).

Let's organize our writing together using the OREO graphic organizer. Answer the below question using the graphic organizer.

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In your opinion, what animal is the best pet?

Directions: Read my example opinion. Write your own.

1. State your opinion.

O	I think dogs are the best pet.
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Now you try:

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2. Give a reason why you think or feel your opinion.

R	One reason is dogs are friendly.
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Now you try:

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3. Give an example to support your reason.

E	Dogs wag their tail when they see people.
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Now you try:

E	<hr/>
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4. Tell your reader your opinion one more time. We call that “restating” your opinion.

O	As you can see, dogs are the best pet.
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Now you try:

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Day 2:

OREO OPINION
Prewriting Graphic Organizer



TOPIC _____

O	OPINION-
R	Reason-
E	Examples-
O	OPINION-

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Day 3:

I hope you are enjoying learning how to write an opinion paragraph this week. Today we will learn more about reasons and examples. You will be able to practice sorting **Reasons and Examples**.

When we state an opinion about how we feel about something, like, “I think reading is the best subject.” it is also important to support that opinion with reasons **WHY** we think that way.

For example:

Opinion Statement	I think reading is the best subject. This is why.
Reason 1	First, when you read, you get to meet new characters.

Then, it will make your writing even better if you give an example of your reason.

For example:

Reason 1	First, when you read, you get to meet new characters.
Example	For example, when I read the book <i>Mercy Watson</i> , I got to meet Mercy, the Watsons, Eugenia (u-jean-ya), and Baby.

Here is an example of a final draft with reasons and examples.

I think reading is the best subject. This is why. First, when you read, you get to meet lots of new characters. For example, when I read the book Mercy Watson, I got to meet Mercy, the Watson's, Eugenia, and Baby. Secondly, a book can take you places. When I read Mercy Watson, I actually felt like I was in the kitchen with the characters. A third reason reading is the best is because it helps your vocabulary grow. For example, I wasn't sure how to say Eugenia's name at first, but after reading the book, I can read it every time I see it!

Now it's your turn to try:

1. Complete the “Reasons and Examples” activity on the following page

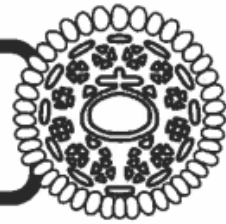
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NAME:

DATE:



Reason or Example?: Oreos are my favorite cookies.



Directions: Cut out the sentences. Decide if they are a reason or example backing up the opinion above. Match each reason with a corresponding example.

Reason

Example

One reason is that Oreos can be eaten in a variety of ways.

For example, you could twist and eat or dip them in milk.

Also, you can find them in many flavors.

The chocolate outside and creamy inside hit the spot.

Most importantly, Oreos taste delicious.

I have seen regular, mint, and red velvet flavors.

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Day 4:

BINGO Opinion Writing

Would you rather have a cat or a dog?	Should kids have to do chores at home?	What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book?	Should kids be allowed to bring toys to school?
Do you prefer cookies or crackers?	What is the best thing to do at recess?	What is the best toy?	What time should kids go to bed?
What ice cream flavor is best?	Should kids be allowed to drive cars?	Should we have a 3-day weekend every weekend?	Should kids have to do chores at home?
What is your least favorite food?	Which season is better: summer or winter?	What is the best sport?	Would you rather see a tiger or a bear?

OREO OPINION

Prewriting Graphic Organizer



TOPIC _____

O

Opinion-

R

Reason-

E

Examples-

O

Opinion-

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Opinion
sentence starters

I think...
I feel...
I know...
I believe...
In my opinion...
The best thing about...
Everyone should...
...is better than...
because...
If you liked ...
then you will love ...




Reason
sentence starters

First...
Secondly...
Finally...
one reason is...
To start with...
For example...
Another reason is...
Most importantly...
In particular...
In other words...



Opinion
Conclusion
sentence starters

Everyone should...
As you can see...
It is clear that...
If you have never tried...
Would you agree...
All in all...



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Name: _____

In my opinion _____

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The reason is _____

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For example, _____




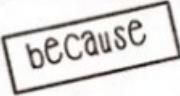


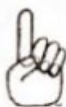


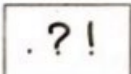



That is why _____

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Day 5:

My Opinion Writing Checklist

	I included a lead to get my reader's attention.	
	I wrote my opinion.	
	I gave between 1-3 reasons for my opinion.	
	I used words like <i>feel</i> and <i>because</i> .	
	I wrote my feelings.	
	I restated my opinion at the end.	
	I wrote using my best handwriting and used spaces.	
	I used capital letters at the beginning of each sentence.	
	I wrote complete sentences.	
	I used a punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.	
	I stayed on topic.	
	I tried my best when spelling my words..	
	I did my very best and am ready to publish!	

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Extra Resources:

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Prewriting Graphic Organizer



Topic— _____

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R
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Opinion—

Reason—

Examples—

Opinion—

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