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21. You have read a play and a story about Rip Van Winkle. Do you think he is a good man? Write an opinion essay for students in your class. Tell whether you think Rip Van Winkle is a good man or not, and why. Give reasons from one or both passages to support your opinion. Be sure to use complete sentences and follow the rules of standard English.

I think that Rip Van Winkle is bad. I think that because he is very lazy all the time. Also he had a lot of work and instead of doing it, he spent most time "telling stories and jokes." Another thing is that he only helped the little man because he wanted to sleep at the top of the mountain and his wife wouldn't wake him up. That is why I think that Rip Van Winkle is bad.



Opinion/Argument Writing

4	The response is well developed. It demonstrates all of the features of opinion writing: a clearly stated opinion or claim, supporting reasons and text evidence from the source(s), a clear and logical conclusion, and a strong voice. The writer uses conventions of grammar and sentence structure correctly and has few or no mistakes in capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
3	The response is adequately developed. It demonstrates most of the features of opinion writing and includes adequate supporting reasons and text evidence from the source(s). The writer uses conventions of grammar and sentence structure correctly most of the time and may make some mistakes in capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, but they do not hinder meaning.
2	The response is somewhat developed. It demonstrates some features of opinion writing but may not have adequate supporting reasons or text evidence from the source(s). The writer uses conventions of grammar and sentence structure correctly some of the time and makes many mistakes in capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, which hinder the overall meaning.
1	The response is undeveloped. It demonstrates little understanding of opinion writing and does not state a clear opinion or claim. The writer rarely uses conventions of grammar and sentence structure correctly and makes many mistakes in capitalization, punctuation, and spelling, which hinder the overall meaning.
0	The response does not fit the writing prompt or is incomplete.

Opinion Essay: Score 3

This essay received an overall score of 3. The writer does state his/her opinion clearly. This includes providing supporting reasons however it requires more text evidence. (Text evidence is paraphrasing or citing directly from the text using quotation marks.) The writer uses conventions and sentence structure correctly most of the time.