

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.

In the story "Rip Van Winkle" he is a good man. First of all Rip was helpful. The Example in the story is "The top of the mountain is dozens of miles away and all uphill, but I am always willing to lend a hand." The second reason is that Rip was selfless. The example for reason two is "I must rush home because my dear wife will be missing me." The last reason is that Rip is very loving. The last example is "I married a fine woman. She was beautiful and hardworking." All together I think Rip Van Winkle is a good man.



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 4

This essay received an overall score of 4. The writer does state his/her opinion clearly and demonstrates all features of opinion writing. This includes providing supporting reasons and text evidence. (Text evidence is paraphrasing or citing directly from the text using quotation marks.)

**It could be improved by using different transition words other than, “The example for reason two”.