

STATE ASSESSMENT RUBRICS

NJSLA-A Grades 4-5 Opinion Rubric

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12 points total

3 criteria

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The NJ NJSLA-A Grades 4-5 Opinion Rubric scored out of 12 points across 3 criteria, for opinion writing at grades 4-5.

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How it is scored

CRITERION	POINTS	LEVELS
Ideas and Focus	4	4
Organization	4	4
Expression and Word Choice	4	4
Total	12	

The full rubric

Ideas and Focus · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Focused response, clear understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: states an opinion that clearly addresses the topic; reasons that clearly support the opinion; facts and/or details from the text that clearly support the opinion.
3 pts	Mostly focused response, general understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: states an opinion that generally addresses the topic; reasons that generally support the opinion; facts and/or details from the text that generally support the opinion.
2 pts	Basic response, some understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: an opinion that somewhat addresses the topic; reasons that somewhat support the opinion; information from the text that somewhat supports the opinion.
1 pt	Minimally written response, minimal understanding of task and purpose. Characteristics: an opinion that minimally addresses the topic or does not state an opinion; minimal, missing, or unclear reasons related to the opinion; minimal, missing, or unclear information to support the opinion.

Organization · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Focused response. Characteristics: introduces a topic or text clearly; an organizational structure that clearly groups related ideas; a conclusion clearly related to the opinion presented.
3 pts	Mostly focused response. Characteristics: introduces a topic or text generally; an organizational structure that generally groups related ideas; a conclusion generally related to the opinion presented.
2 pts	Basic response. Characteristics: attempts to introduce a topic or text; an organizational structure that somewhat groups related ideas; a conclusion somewhat related to the opinion presented.
1 pt	Minimally written response. Characteristics: a missing or unclear introduction of the topic; a minimal or unclear organizational structure; a missing or unclear conclusion.

Expression and Word Choice · 4 points

SCORE	WHAT EARNS IT
4 pts	Focused response. Characteristics: uses words and phrases to clearly link opinion and reasons.
3 pts	Mostly focused response. Characteristics: uses words and phrases to generally link opinion and reasons.
2 pts	Basic response. Characteristics: uses words and phrases to somewhat link opinion and reasons.
1 pt	Minimally written response. Characteristics: minimal or unclear use of words and phrases to link opinion and reasons.

Scoring record

Student	Assignment	Date
CRITERION	SCORE	COMMENTS
Ideas and Focus	/ 4	
Organization	/ 4	
Expression and Word Choice	/ 4	
Total	/ 12	

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