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| **CATEGORY**  | **Above Expectations****(4)** | **Meets Expectations****(3)** | **Approaching****Expectations****(2)** | **Below Expectations****(1)** | **Score** |
| Opinion Statement  | The opinion statement provides a clear, strong statement of the author's opinion on the topic.  | The opinion statement provides a clear statement of the author's opinion on the topic.  | An opinion statement is present, but does not make the author's opinion clear.  | There is no opinion statement.  |    |
| Support for Opinion  | Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence from the text(s) that support the opinion statement.  | Includes 2 or more pieces of evidence from the text(s) that support the opinion statement.  | Includes 1 piece of evidence from the text(s) that supports the opinion statement.  | Does not include evidence from the text(s).  |    |
| Closing paragraph  | The conclusion includes an effective restatement of the opinion statement and is strong and leaves the reader solidly understanding the writer's opinion.  | The conclusion is recognizable. The author's opinion is restated in the closing paragraph.  | The conclusion is recognizable, but the author's opinion is not restated within the closing paragraph.  | There is no conclusion - the paper just ends.  |    |
| Grammar & Spelling  | Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.  | Author makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.  | Author makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.  | Author makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.  |   \_\_/16 |