Opinion Writing Checklist (Grades 1-5)

The purpose of an opinion piece is to convince your audience to agree with your opinion.

Introduction

☐ Introduce the topic or issue.

☐ State your opinion clearly.

Body

☐ Give more than one reason to support your opinion.

☐ Put your reasons in a logical order. (Save the best for last!)

☐ Use linking words to connect reasons to your opinion.

Try words like: because, therefore, since, for example, for instance

☐ Give evidence (facts!) to support each reason.

Facts make your argument sound reasonable and convincing.

Conclusion

☐ Restate your opinion and stress how it is based on evidence.

☐ Tell why your opinion is worth considering

☐ Describe what action your reader should take.

☐ Write a concluding sentence that makes your opinion memorable and completes the piece.