Opinion writing graphic organizer: Grades 1-6

INTRODUCTION: Introduce your opinion. Your opinion, which expresses your point of view and the reasons for it, may include facts.

REASON #1: Share the first reason to support your opinion (Why do you believe your opinion is right?) Remember to give a reason that directly relates to your opinion and shows why your opinion is compelling. Use linking words and phrases to connect your reason to your opinion.

EVIDENCE: Give more than one piece of evidence to support reason #1. Remember, evidence shows why your reason is valid – and can be in the form of details, examples, statistics, quotations, or any other specific information that supports your reason.

REASON #2: Share the second reason to explain why you believe your opinion is right. Remember to give a reason that directly relates to your opinion and shows why your opinion is compelling. Use linking words and phrases to connect your reason to your opinion.

EVIDENCE: Give more than one piece of evidence to support reason #2. Remember, evidence shows why your reason is valid – and can be in the form of details, examples, statistics, quotations, or any other specific information that supports your reason.

*If you have more reasons, insert them here along with sufficient evidence to support each reason.

CONCLUSION: Conclude your opinion piece. A conclusion should stress that your opinion is based on evidence, tell why your opinion is worth considering, give the piece a sense of completeness and leave a final impression on the reader.