

Argumentation/Opinion Text-Based Writing Rubric Grade 5

	Score of 4	Score of 3	Score of 2	Score of 1
Reading/Research 2 ×=	 The writing – makes effective use of available resources skillfully/effectively supports an opinion with relevant and sufficient facts and details from resources with accuracy uses credible sources* 	 The writing – makes adequate use of available resources supports an opinion with relevant and sufficient facts and details from resources with accuracy uses credible sources* 	 The writing – makes limited use of available resources inconsistently supports an opinion with relevant and sufficient facts and details from resources with accuracy inconsistently uses credible sources* 	 The writing – makes inadequate use of available resources fails to support an opinion with relevant and sufficient facts and details from resources with accuracy attempts to use credible sources*
Development 3 × =	 The writing – addresses all aspects of the writing task with a tightly focused response states an opinion skillfully provides reasons that are supported by sufficient and relevant facts and details 	 The writing – addresses the writing task with a focused response states an opinion provides reasons that are supported by sufficient and relevant facts and details 	 The writing – addresses the writing task with an inconsistent focus states an opinion inconsistently provides reasons that are supported by sufficient and relevant facts and details 	 The writing – attempts to address the writing task but lacks focus states an opinion provides reasons that are supported by insufficient and/or irrelevant facts and details
Organization 2 × =	 The writing – effectively introduces the topic or text skillfully creates an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose and the writing task effectively links opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and/or clauses provides an effective concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented 	 The writing – introduces the topic or text clearly creates an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose links opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and/or clauses provides a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented 	 The writing – introduces the topic or text has a progression of ideas that may lack cohesion (ideas may be rambling and/or repetitive) inconsistently links opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and/or clauses provides a sense of closure 	 The writing – identifies the topic has little or no evidence of purposeful organization
Language/ Conventions 1 × =	 The writing – demonstrates a well-developed command of standard English conventions skillfully employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has sentences that are skillfully constructed with appropriate variety in length and structure provides a list of sources* 	 The writing – demonstrates a command of standard English conventions; errors do not interfere with understanding employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has sentences that are generally complete with sufficient variety in length and structure provides a list of sources* 	 The writing – demonstrates a limited and/or inconsistent command of standard English conventions; errors may interfere with understanding inconsistently employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has some sentence formation errors and/or a lack of sentence variety attempts to provide a list of sources* 	 The writing – demonstrates a weak command of standard English conventions; errors interfere with understanding employs language and tone that are inappropriate to audience and purpose has frequent and severe sentence formation errors and/or a lack of sentence variety fails to provide a list of sources*

* If applicable