

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

(50 points)

# OPINION ESSAY

## Scoring Guide & Rubric

SCORE:
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CRITERIA		Student Score	Points Possible
<b>Formatting</b>	A <b>title</b> and the student's <b>name</b> are included.		5
	The essay is neatly <b>typed</b> (double-spaced, 12 pt. font).		
	The essay is <b>500-600 words</b> in length.		
<b>Purpose and Content</b>	The writer asserts an <b>opinion about a community issue</b> and <b>takes a strong stand</b> throughout the paper.		5
	The writer's opinion is supported by <b>facts and evidence</b> from 3 or more trustworthy sources, as well as personal experience.		5
	Student used at least <b>3 transitional phrases</b> .		5
<b>Structure and Organization</b>	The essay contains an <b>introduction paragraph</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- presents a debateable topic</li> <li>- provides the writer's opinion on that topic</li> <li>- gives background information</li> <li>- summarizes the writer's 3 arguments</li> </ul>		5
	The essay contains at least <b>3 body paragraphs</b> . Each body paragraph gives background information, facts, reasons, persuasive arguments and/or evidence to persuade the audience. All body paragraphs support the 3 arguments mentioned in the introduction paragraph.		15
	The essay has a <b>conclusion paragraph</b> that restates the writer's opinion on the topic and ends with a call for readers to take action or encourages readers to think about the issue.		5
<b>Grammar and Mechanics</b>	There are no errors in <b>capitalization, spelling, or grammar</b> . All sentences are complete and <b>punctuated</b> properly.		5

FEEDBACK:

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