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| Kid-FriendlyARGUMENT-OPINIONRubric | Development | Focus and Organization | Language | Conventions |
| 4 | * My ideas clearly support my opinion.
* I include 4 or more examples and pieces of text evidence to support my opinion.
* I explain my examples and connect them to my opinion.
 | * I introduce my topic clearly.

It hooks my readers!* I stay on topic and organize my ideas.
* My ending summarizes my opinion and makes a strong argument.
 | * I write to the correct audience.
* I use different types of sentences.
* I include persuasive language.
* It is clear that I have written an argument/opinion essay.
 | * I use correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.
* There may be a few errors,but they don’t interferewith what I meant to say.
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| 3 | * Most of my ideas support my opinion.
* I include 2-3 examples/text evidence to support my opinion.
* Most of my examples are explained and connectedto my opinion.
 | * My introduction is clear, but not exciting.
* Most of my ideas are on topic.
* My ending is related to my opinion.
 | * I write to the correct audience.
* I show some variety in my sentences.
* It is somewhat clear that I have written an argument/opinion essay.
 | * I usually use correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.
* There are some errors but they don’t interfere with what I meant to say.
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| 2 | * My ideas weakly support my opinion.
* I include 1 or 2 examples/text evidence to support my opinion.
* I don’t explain my examplesor how they connect to my opinion.
 | * I don’t clearly introduce my topic.
* My ideas don’t always stay on topic.
* My ending is unclear.
 | * Parts of my essay are not directed at the right audience.
* I use very few differenttypes of sentences.
* It is not clear that I have written an argument/opinion essay.
 | * I have not correctly used spelling, grammar, punctuation, and/or capitalization.
* The errors I made interfere with what I meant to say.
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| 1 | * The ideas I use do not support my opinion.
* I did not include any examples/ text evidence to support my opinion.
* My facts are incorrect or not based on the text/article.
 | * I have not written an introduction or opening sentence.
* My opinion is unclear or my writing is off-topic.
* There is no ending in my essay.
 | * I did not write to the correct audience.
* Most of my sentences sound or look the same.
* I have not written an argument/ opinion essay.
 | * I have paid little to no attention to spelling, grammar, punctuation, or capitalization.
* My errors make it hard to understand what I was trying to say.
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