

SAWS Grade 3 Opinion Essay in Response to a Stimulus/Prompt Holistic Scoring Guide

The 8-point paper (a) clearly states an opinion on the issue or topic raised in the stimulus/prompt; (b) thoroughly and sufficiently responds to the issue or topic and offers relevant reasons, with specific details, that support the opinion; (c) is effectively organized; (d) uses precise, descriptive language and a variety of sentence types; (e) reveals an engaging and identifiable voice; and (f) contains few errors in the conventions of the English language.

The 6-point paper (a) states an opinion on the issue or topic raised in the stimulus/prompt; (b) sufficiently responds to the issue or topic raised in the stimulus/prompt and offers relevant reasons, with some details, that support the opinion; (c) is organized; (d) uses some descriptive language and provides a variety of sentence types; (e) reveals an identifiable voice; and (f) may contain some errors in the conventions of the English language.

The 4-point paper (a) attempts to state an opinion on the issue or topic raised in the stimulus/prompt; (b) partially responds to the issue or topic raised in the stimulus/prompt and attempts to offer relevant reason(s), with few or no details, that supports the opinion; (c) provides some evidence of organization; (d) uses basic, predictable language and provides limited variety of sentence types; (e) reveals limited voice; and (f) contains several errors in the conventions of the English language.

The 2-point paper (a) states no opinion on the issue or topic raised in the stimulus/prompt; (b) does not respond to the issue or topic raised in the stimulus/prompt; (c) provides no evidence of organization; (d) uses limited vocabulary and provides no sentence variety; (e) reveals no identifiable voice; (f) contains serious errors in the conventions of the English language.