

# Sample Grading Grid

## Opinion Essay

STUDENT  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student communicated his/her ideas clearly and expressed them well? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Is there something noteworthy about the ideas or the writing (humor, insightfulness, obvious delight for the topic, and so on)? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Is the QSFSQ intriguing? (Question, Statement, Fact, Story, or Quotation to begin the introduction) 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Does the introduction clearly introduce the topic and opinion? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Do the points support the opinion? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Are they arranged in an effective order? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Does the conclusion adequately sum up the topic and opinion? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Are there separate paragraphs for the intro, each point, and conclusion? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Was the paper handed in on time? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
Did the student follow the written instructions? 1-10 points	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Grade</b>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments:



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