

### Production of Writing: NM-MSSA Opinion Writing Rubric (Grades 3–5)

	Score Point 4	Score Point 3	Score Point 2	Score Point 1
	The Writing:			
Development/ Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expresses an opinion that fully addresses the topic.</li> <li>Substantially supports the opinion with consistently pertinent facts and details from relevant sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expresses an opinion that generally addresses the topic.</li> <li>Generally supports the opinion with mostly pertinent facts and details from relevant sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expresses an opinion that partially addresses the topic.</li> <li>Partially supports the opinion with some pertinent facts and details from relevant sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expresses an opinion that only minimally addresses the topic or does not explicitly express an opinion.</li> <li>Minimally supports the opinion with few pertinent facts and details from relevant sources.</li> </ul>
Organization/ Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes and consistently maintains an organizational plan in which related ideas are consistently grouped logically to support the writer’s purpose.</li> <li>Introduces the topic clearly and provides a concluding statement or section consistently related to the opinion presented.</li> <li>Consistently demonstrates effective use of words and phrases to link the opinion and reasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes and generally maintains an organizational plan in which related ideas are generally grouped logically to support the writer’s purpose.</li> <li>Introduces the topic and provides a concluding statement or section generally related to the opinion presented.</li> <li>Generally demonstrates effective use of words and phrases to link the opinion and reasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attempts to establish and partially maintains an organizational plan in which related ideas are only sometimes grouped logically to support the writer’s purpose.</li> <li>Introduces the topic and provides a concluding statement or section partially related to the opinion presented.</li> <li>Sometimes demonstrates effective use of words and phrases to link the opinion and reasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May attempt to establish but does not maintain an organizational plan; related ideas are rarely grouped/not grouped logically to support the writer’s purpose.</li> <li>May be missing an introduction and/or a concluding statement or section that is related to the opinion presented.</li> <li>Rarely demonstrates/does not demonstrate any effective use of words and phrases to link the opinion and reasons.</li> </ul>
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistently uses precise language and varied vocabulary when supporting a point of view with reasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Often uses precise language and varied vocabulary when supporting a point of view with reasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sometimes uses precise language and varied vocabulary when supporting a point of view with reasons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rarely uses/does not use precise language or varied vocabulary when supporting a point of view with reasons.</li> </ul>

### Use of Conventions: NM-MSSA Conventions Rubric (Grades 3–8)

	Score Point 3	Score Point 2	Score Point 1
	The Writing:		
Grammar/ Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates general command of standard English grammar and usage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates partial command of standard English grammar and usage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates little command of standard English grammar and usage.</li> </ul>
Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates general command of standard English conventions relative to the length and complexity of the text.</li> <li>May have minor or infrequent errors that do not interfere with meaning or confuse the reader.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates partial command of standard English conventions relative to the length and complexity of the text.</li> <li>May have errors or patterns of errors that somewhat interfere with meaning or confuse the reader.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates little command of standard English conventions relative to the length and complexity of the text.</li> <li>May have errors that interfere with meaning or confuse the reader.</li> </ul>