**RUBRIC – OPINION ESSAY**

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|  | **3** | **2** | **1** | **TOTAL** |
| **Introduces Topic** | Topic is clearly introduced. | Topic is mentioned. | Topic is not introduced. |  |
| **States Opinion** | Opinion is clearly stated. | Opinion is stated, but vague. | No opinion is stated. |  |
| **Provides Reasons** | Several reasons are provided that support opinion. | One reason is given to support opinion. | No reasons are given, or reasons do not support opinion. |  |
| **Provides Closing** | Solid closing is provided. | Closing is provided but is the same as opinion sentence. | No closing is provided. |  |
| **Mechanics** | All sentences are well-constructed and have varied structure and length. Author makes very few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling. | Most sentences are well-constructed. Author makes a few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling. | Sentences sound awkward, repetitive, and difficult to understand. Author makes numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling. |  |
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