



Georgia Milestones Assessment System

Grade 5

WRITER'S CHECKLIST: OPINION

Be sure to:

- Introduce your opinion.
- Support your opinion with reasons and details from the passages.
- Give your reasons and details in a clear order.
- Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
- Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
- Use linking words, phrases, and clauses to connect reasons.
- Use clear language and vocabulary.
- Have a strong conclusion that supports your opinion.
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.



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WRITER'S CHECKLIST: INFORMATIONAL/EXPLANATORY

Be sure to:

- Introduce the topic clearly, provide a focus, and organize information in a way that makes sense.
- Use information from the two passages so that your essay includes important details.
- Develop the topic with facts, definitions, details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
- Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
- Use linking words and phrases to connect ideas.
- Clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- Use clear language and vocabulary.
- Provide a conclusion that supports the information presented.
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.



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WRITER'S CHECKLIST: NARRATIVE

Be sure to:

- Write a narrative response that develops a real or imagined experience.
- Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters.
- Organize events in a clear and logical order.
 - Use a variety of transitional words and phrases to sequence the events.
- Use dialogue, description, and/or pacing to:
 - develop events.
 - show how characters respond to situations.
- Use concrete words, phrases, and sensory details to describe the events.
- Include a conclusion.
- Use ideas and/or details from the passage(s).
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.