

Parent Guide to the

Opinion Writing Structure

Today's Standard

3.W.1a - Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a persuasive letter to a friend or family member; Creating a list of reasons to support a favorite book or movie; Developing a short essay on a school-related issue; Organizing a speech for a class presentation; Drafting an article for a school newsletter

Today | Learned

Today, I learned how to write my opinion and give reasons for it. I can introduce a topic, say what I think, and list my reasons in an organized way.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think they can just say their opinion without giving reasons. Or they might think any reason is okay, even if it doesn't really support their opinion.

Quiz Me

- What is your opinion about your favorite book?
- Can you give me one reason why you like that book?
- How do you start your opinion writing?
- What do you need to include after stating your opinion?
- Why is it important to have reasons for your opinion?

Help Me

When you are writing your opinion, think about how you would explain it to a friend. You start by saying what you think, like 'I think recess should be longer.' Then, you give reasons to support your opinion, like 'because we need more time to play and relax.' This helps others understand why you feel that way.