



## Organizing Ideas for Opinion Writing

### Today's Standard

4.W.1a - Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a persuasive letter to the principal about a school issue.; Creating a blog post about a favorite book or movie.; Drafting an essay on why a particular animal makes the best pet.; Composing a speech for a class debate.

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to write an opinion piece. We need to introduce our topic, say what we think, and give reasons why we think that.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think just saying their opinion is enough, but they need to give reasons. Also, they might include ideas that don't really help their opinion.

### Quiz Me

- What is an opinion?
- Why do you need reasons for your opinion?
- What should you do before you start writing?
- What is a graphic organizer?
- Why is it important to stay on topic?

### Help Me

When writing an opinion piece, think about real-life situations like convincing your parents to get a pet. You need to give good reasons and stay focused on your main idea.