

Opinion Writing Structure

Today's Standard

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

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a persuasive essay on a school issue; Creating a blog post about a favorite book; Drafting a letter to the editor about a community concern; Organizing an argumentative speech for a class debate; Writing a review of a movie or video game

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to write a clear introduction for a topic, state our opinion, and organize our ideas to support our opinion.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think just saying their opinion is enough, but they need to support it with organized ideas. Another problem is using any structure, even if it doesn't make sense.

Quiz Me

- What is an opinion?
- Why do you need to organize your ideas?
- How can you start your writing?
- What can help you plan your ideas?
- Why is it important to support your opinion?

Help Me

When you write, start with your opinion and then organize your ideas to support it. For example, if you think recess should be longer, explain why and group your reasons together.