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|  | **4 - Expert** | **3- Proficient** | **2 - Intermediate** | **1 - Novice** |
| **Do I have an introduction?** | My opinion has a strong introduction that hooks readers and makes them excited to keep reading. | My opinion has a good introduction that explains my thoughts.  | My opinion has a weak introduction.  | My opinion doesn’t have an introduction. |
| **How many reasons did I use to support my opinion?** |  | I used 3 reasons. | I used 2 reasons. | I only used 1 reason. |
| **Did I use facts from my research to justify my reasons?** | Each reason has numerous facts that support it. My facts are interesting and provide good support for my opinion. | Each reason has numerous facts that support it. | Each reason has a fact that supports it. | I did not use facts from research to support my reasons.  |
| **Do I have a conclusion?** | My opinion has a strong closing that reviews my thoughts and is convincing! | My opinion has a good closing that reviews my thoughts. | My opinion has a weak closing. | My opinion does not have a closing. |
| **Did I use correct capitalization, punctuation and grammar?** | Correct punctuation, capitalization and grammar is throughout my writing. My sentences are all unique. | I used correct punctuation, capitalization and grammar in most of my sentences.  | There were some errors in capitalization, punctuation and grammar but my writing is still understandable.  | I have many errors in capitalization, punctuation and grammar and it makes my writing hard to understand.  |