Opinion Writer's Checklist

Name: _____ Partner's Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Unit: _____

Purpose, Focus, and Organization	Me	Partner	Teacher
My **introduction** draws the reader in, clearly states my opinion, and gives reasons to support my opinion.			
My writing is **focused** on the purpose, audience and task.			
The information I gave **made sense and was related** to my opinion statement.			
I grouped my information into related **sections and paragraphs**.			
I used **transition words and phrases** to connect ideas or explain how some ideas are different.			
I used a **concluding statement** or section that connects to my opinion.			
Evidence, Elaboration, & Craft			
I gave **convincing reasons** to support my opinion.			
I included **examples and information to support my reasons** from the text. All of the **evidence** was relevant to my opinion statement.			
I chose **precise details, examples, definitions, quotations** to show I understand what I read and am knowledgeable about my topic.			
I used precise **language and word choice** throughout my writing. (emphasizing or repeating words)			
I used a **strong teaching tone** throughout my writing so my reader could hear my voice.			
I used a **variety of sentence structures**. Some are short, some are long.			
Language & Conventions			
I used correct **spelling, punctuation**, and **capitalization**.			
I used correct **verb tense, strong verbs** and **adjectives**.			

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Opinion Statement

Reason #1

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Reason #2

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Reason #3

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Conclusion (Restate your opinion!)

REASON 1

REASON 2

REASON 3

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