

Unit 5

Name:

Date:

4-4 Response Notebook: Opinion Essays

Complete both sections below.

Section 1: Opinion Pieces Chart

Instructions:

Choose one of the two sets of readings:

Movie Ratings: Definitely! (pp. 12-13) and Movie Ratings: No Thanks! (pp. 14-15)

OR

Break the following reading up into two parts:

What's the Reality (Introduction) pp. 18 and 19

- Opinion Piece 1 Reality TV: Hot... (p. 20)
- Opinion Piece 2 ...Or Not (p. 21-22).

Complete the following Opinion Pieces Chart.

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Opinion Pieces Chart

	Title of the first opinion piece	Title of the second opinion piece
What was the opinion piece about?		
Identify the writer's opinion (focus statement).		

Identify three reasons the author provided to support his or her opinion.		
Do you agree with this opinion? Explain. Provide reasons to support your view.		

Total of Section 1: /12 marks

Section 2: Persuasive Map Organizer

Organize Information

Make a working outline of your short essay on the Persuasive Map Organizer below. You may change or revise the outline below when you write your draft to include more reasons and support. Your Persuasive Map Organizer will be marked for completeness. (/5)

Write a short opinion essay on one of the following topics.

- Should individuals be monitored in how they express themselves online?
- Should celebrities expect a level of privacy or should their lives be open to everyone?
- Should video games be seen as a sport or way to keep fit?
- Should junk food be available in school?
- Should art and music be mandatory subjects in school?
- Other?

Before you write your opinion essay, you must organize your key points. Complete the Persuasive Map Organizer below after you have chosen your topic and researched supporting details to support your reasons.

Topic:

Persuasive Map Organizer		
Introduction		
Hook:		
Topic Sentence:		
Body Paragraph 1 Topic Sentence/Main Reason 1	Body Paragraph 2 Topic Sentence/Main Reason 2	Body Paragraph 3 Topic Sentence/Main Reason 3
Facts or Examples for Reason 1	Facts or Examples for Reason 2	Facts or Examples for Reason 3
Conclusion Restate your Opinion		

(Mark: /5)

Persuasive Map Organizer (Outline) Rubric
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Criteria	Excellent 5	Proficient 4	Satisfactory 3	Limited 2
Organization /5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I demonstrated a <i>purposeful</i> organization of introduction, topic sentences, and conclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I demonstrated a <i>logical</i> organization of introduction, topic sentences, and conclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I demonstrated a <i>basic</i> organization of introduction, topic sentences, and conclusion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I demonstrated a <i>unclear</i> organization of introduction, topic sentences, and conclusion.
Insufficient	Your attempt to respond is <i>insufficient</i> . Contact your teacher to discuss suggestions for improvement.			

Total: /5	
Assessment	Areas of Strength:
	Target for Improvement:

Total of Section 2: /5 marks

Overall Total: /17 marks

Submit your worksheet to your teacher.



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