

Unit 4

Name:

Date:

4-5 Section 1: Short Opinion Essay

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 handing this essay in to your teacher, you should have had a parent or friend review your essay and complete the feedback checklist. Make revisions based on the feedback. Then, hand in your short opinion essay.

Short Opinion Essay Rubric

Criteria	Excellent 5	Proficient 4	Satisfactory 3	Limited 2
Content /5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I developed <i>insightful</i> ideas.• I supported my opinion with <i>accurate</i> and <i>convincing</i> reasons or facts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I developed <i>thoughtful</i> ideas.• I supported my opinion with <i>logical</i> reasons or facts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I developed <i>adequate</i> ideas.• I supported my opinion with <i>relevant</i> reasons or facts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I developed <i>vague</i> ideas.• I supported my opinion with <i>irrelevant or vague</i> reasons or facts.
Organization	• I wrote an	• I wrote a <i>purposeful</i>	• I wrote a <i>functional</i>	• I wrote an

/5	<i>engaging</i> introduction that <i>skillfully</i> establishes a focus. • I used <i>effective</i> order. • I wrote an <i>effective</i> conclusion.	introduction that <i>logically</i> establishes a focus. • I used <i>logical</i> order. • I wrote an <i>apt</i> conclusion.	introduction that <i>basically</i> establishes a focus. • I used <i>simplistic</i> order. • I wrote a <i>mechanical</i> conclusion.	introduction that <i>lacks purpose</i> or is <i>not functional</i> . • I used an <i>unclear</i> order. • I wrote a <i>weak</i> conclusion.
Voice: Words and Sentences /5	• I chose <i>powerful, meaningful</i> words. • I communicated <i>engagingly</i> with <i>compelling</i> sentence variety.	• I chose <i>strong, thoughtful</i> words. • I communicated <i>credibly</i> with <i>reasonable</i> sentence variety.	• I chose <i>appropriate, general</i> words. • I communicated <i>clearly</i> with <i>appropriate</i> sentence variety.	• I chose <i>vague, imprecise</i> words. • I communicated <i>unclearly</i> with <i>uninteresting</i> sentence variety.
Conventions /5	• I communicated <i>accurately</i> .	• I communicated with <i>few</i> errors.	• I communicated with <i>some</i> errors.	• I communicated with <i>many</i> errors.
Insufficient	Your attempt to respond is <i>insufficient</i> . Contact your teacher to discuss suggestions for improvement.			
Total: /20				
Assessment	Areas of Strength:			
	Target for Improvement:			

Total: /20 marks

Section 2: Unit 4 Reflection Questions

Answer one of the following questions below based on the essential unit question *How Do We Express Ourselves?*

Your mark will be based on completing the response only.

- How does the work of others in art/music/poetry/entertainment inspire us (consider the different art forms people use to express themselves in this unit or choose a specific piece with which to respond)?

Or

- In what ways can we respond to the arts (consider the formats you have used to respond to the pieces in this unit)?

Or

- What three things did you learn from the process of writing a short opinion essay?

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Total: /2 marks

Overall Total: /22 marks

Submit this worksheet to your teacher.



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