



MOST DANGEROUS REGION

Every region of the United States has distinct weather advantages and disadvantages.

Consider all you have learned about the regions of the United States and specific weather phenomena. Focusing only on weather and/or climate, which region do you feel is the most dangerous place to live? Make sure to support your opinion with facts and reasons.








Your writing will be assessed using the Opinion Writing Rubric. Use the checklist below and the rubric to help you plan and edit your work.

Opinion Writing Checklist:

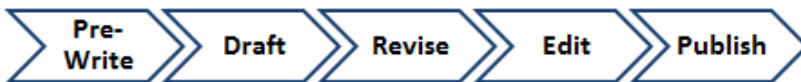
- Topic sentence clearly states my opinion.
- I provided reasons and facts to support my opinion.
- My writing is logically organized using linking words.
- My conclusion persuades the audience to agree with me.
- I have checked my writing to ensure correct use of the following:
 - Capitalization & End Punctuation
 - Modal Auxiliaries
 - Adjectives
 - Commas

Name: _____



Points Possible	Requirement	Points Earned
	 <p style="text-align: center;">IDEAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I clearly stated my opinion on a topic or text. <input type="checkbox"/> I provided reasons that are supported by facts and details. 	
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I logically ordered my writing by first explaining my opinion and then supporting my opinion with extra details. <input type="checkbox"/> I grouped information in order to make my opinion sound more convincing & connected by using linking words (ex: for instance, in order to, additionally). <input type="checkbox"/> I included a conclusion that will persuade the audience to agree with my opinion about the topic or text. 	
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Voice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> My writing shows the audience that I believe in what I am saying. 	
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Word Choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I used strong vocabulary, including amazing & varied adjectives/adverbs. 	
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Sentence Fluency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> My writing sounds perfect when I read aloud. <input type="checkbox"/> I wrote in complete sentences without any run-ons. <input type="checkbox"/> I used different kinds of sentences throughout my writing. 	
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I used correct capitalization and punctuation. <input type="checkbox"/> I correctly used commas and quotation marks to indicate exact quotes from people or from texts. <input type="checkbox"/> I checked to make sure I spelled each word correctly. 	
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> My handwriting is legible and my format makes my work better. 	

Writing Process



Editing	✓	Date	Teacher / Student Conference	
Self-Edit: I have used the checklist/rubric to edit my work.			Yes	No
Peer-Edit: _____ used the checklist/rubric to edit my writing.			Teacher Initials	Date
			Revision Decision	

Teacher Comments