

# Most Interesting Mythical Creature

Consider what you have read and learned about mythical creatures as you respond to the following prompt:

**Which mythical creature is the most interesting?**

**Remember to support this position with specific reasons and at least 2 examples from the texts read during this unit.**

Use the checklist below and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Opinion Rubric to guide your writing.






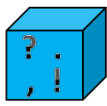

## **Most Interesting Mythical Creature:**

- Introduce your topic (state your position).
- Include 2 examples from the readings that support your opinion.
- Use linking words to connect ideas (ex: because, therefore, since, & for example).
- Provide a conclusion (Convince the reader to agree with your position).
- Edit your writing for the following:
  - Subject / Verb Agreement
  - Spelling, Grammar, and Conventions

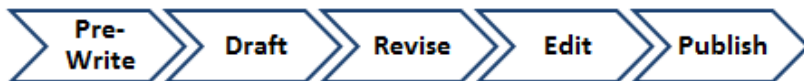


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# Grade 3 Opinion Writing

| Points Possible | Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Points Earned |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 40              |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>IDEAS</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> I clearly stated my opinion on a topic or text.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I provided reasons that support my opinion.                                                                                                                                                                |               |
| 10              |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organization</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> I logically ordered my writing by first explaining my opinion and then supporting my opinion with extra details.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I have a topic sentence that states my opinion.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I have a concluding sentence that restates my opinion. |               |
| 10              |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Voice</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> My writing shows the audience that I believe in what I am saying.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |
| 10              |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Word Choice</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> I used linking words and phrases to connect ideas (ex: also, and, but).<br><input type="checkbox"/> I used strong vocabulary, including amazing adjectives and adverbs.                                                                                                          |               |
| 10              |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sentence Fluency</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> My writing sounds perfect when I read aloud.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I used different kinds of sentences throughout my writing.                                                                                                                                       |               |
| 10              |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conventions</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> I used capitals and end punctuation correctly.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I checked to make sure I spelled each word correctly.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I used nouns and verbs correctly.                                                                                 |               |
| 10              |  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presentation</b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> My writing is neat and can be easily read.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |

## Writing Process



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

## Teacher Comments