

5th Grade Opinion Writing Prompt

Directions to the Student

After you finish your prewriting activity, write your paper in the space provided. You may use a standard dictionary, thesaurus, or grammar handbook to check your paper for correctness.

Please refer to the writer's checklist as you are writing your response to the prompt.

Writer's Checklist

- My paper has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- My paper includes effective use of paragraphing.
- My paper stays on the topic.
- My paper flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- My paper contains a strong controlling idea.
- My paper includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and examples.
- My paper uses precise and vivid language.
- My paper contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- My paper includes correct grammar/usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

Writing Prompt

Some teachers and educational experts say that young people watch far too much television. Others think that television can be educational. Do you think that children watch too much television? Should parents restrict the number of hours their children watch TV?

Write an opinion essay to your teacher to convince him/her of your point of view on this issue. Include facts, details, and precise language as they are appropriate in your writing.