**W.3.1 Opinion Writing**

*Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.*

**ADVANCED**

* + All proficient criteria plus:
  + I present my opinion in a formal and objective tone (3rd person)
  + I strengthen my opinion by supporting my reasons using accurate facts, details, and examples from text.

**PROFICIENT**

* + I name the topic or text I am writing about.
  + I clearly state my opinion or my point of view about the topic in a complete sentence.
  + I provide at least **3 different** reasons to support my opinion.
  + I provide facts and details found in text to further strengthen my point of view (evidence/examples).
  + I organize my writing by grouping my reasons, facts, and details in an order that makes sense.
  + I link my opinion and reasons using varied transitional words and phrases *(e.g., for instance, in order to, in addition).*
  + I write a conclusion sentence that relates back to my opinion stated in the topic sentence/introduction.

**PROGRESSING**

* + 4 or 5 of the proficient criteria

**NEEDS PRACTICE**

* + 3 or less of proficient criteria