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WRITER’S CHECKLIST: OPINION

Be sure to:

- Introduce your opinion.
- Support your opinion with reasons and details from the passages.
- Give your reasons and details in a clear order.
- Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
- Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
- Use linking words to connect ideas.
- Use clear language and vocabulary.
- Have a strong conclusion that supports your opinion.
- Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
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WRITER’S CHECKLIST: INFORMATIONAL/EXPLANATORY

Be sure to:
- Introduce the topic clearly.
- Use information from the two passages so that your piece includes important details.
- Develop the topic in a clear order, with facts, definitions, and details related to the topic.
- Identify the passages by title or number when using details or facts directly from the passages.
- Develop your ideas clearly and use your own words, except when quoting directly from the passages.
- Use linking words to connect ideas.
- Use clear language and vocabulary.
- Have a strong conclusion that supports the information presented.
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WRITER’S CHECKLIST: NARRATIVE

Be sure to:

• Develop a real or imagined experience.
• Include a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters.
• Organize events in order.
  o Use words and phrases to show the sequence of events.
• Use dialogue and/or descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to:
  o develop events.
  o show how characters respond to situations.
• Include a conclusion.
• Use ideas and/or details from the passage(s).
• Check your work for correct usage, grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.