**Common Core Unit Map**

**Grade Level:** 5  
**Trimester:** 1  
**Subject:** Writing

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<th><strong>Unit:</strong> Opinion Writing</th>
<th><strong>Unit Length:</strong> 5 weeks</th>
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**Enduring Understanding(s):**

Opinion writing comes in various forms, but is always intended to convince the reader of a point of view.

Writers can influence a reader by supporting their point of view with convincing reasons and evidence supported by facts.

Writers apply the writing process to construct an effective, engaging opinion piece.

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**Text Type and Purposes**

1. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information.
   a. Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer’s purpose.
   b. Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details.
   c. Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically).
   d. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.

**Production and Distribution of Writing**

4. Produce clear and coherent writing (including multiple paragraph texts) in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3.)

5. With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 5 on page 14.)

6. With some guidance and support from adults, use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of two pages in a single sitting.

**Range of Writing**

10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

**Assessment**

This assessment will be an on-demand – that is, it aims to assess kids’ ability to independently read informational texts and construct a written argument that incorporates multiple sources of information.

The assessment will consist of three tasks; the final product being a argumentative letter about whether zoos help or hurt endangered animals.

Directions for administrations, student testing booklet, and Common Core Aligned opinion writing rubrics will be provided by the district.

**Other Formative Assessments:**

- An anecdotal conferring note of student’s writing progress
- Quick writes/Journal samples related to opinion writing

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**Mentor Texts for Opinion Writing**

The mentor text list below is not exhaustive, it’s intended to serve as list of recommendations of texts to be read aloud during the unit or possibly used to introduce writing craft.

Students will also need access to short nonfiction articles so they can identify an author’s argument/claim, and identify the evidence the author uses to defend their claim. The Time for Kids articles listed below are intended to spark debate and help students begin to develop arguments on topics that matter to them.

Scholastic News

http://sn3.scholastic.com

Time for Kids

http://www.timeforkids.com/

“Should Schools Ban Soda?” by: Laura Leigh Davidson

“Get Your Healthy Lunches!” by Alexandra Sifferlin

“Obesity Rates Falling” by Cameron Keady

“The Tube, Food, and You” by Alice Park

“Bye, Bye, Junk Food” by Alexandra Sifferlin

“Big Drinks Are Back” by Alice Park

“Goodbye Big Drinks” by Alice Park

“Sleep Tight” by Alice Park

“Hot Potato Issue” by Kelli Plasket

This Scholastic Magazine contains a debate/essay kit. Although you cannot print the article, you can project it as a PDF if you have the technology capabilities.

http://www.scholastic.com/scopemagazine/index.html

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**Professional Resources:**

*Nonfiction Craft Lessons* by Fletcher and Portalupi

*Teaching the Qualities of Writing* by Fletcher and Portalupi

*Making Revision Matter* by Janet Angelillo

*The Revisers Toolbox* by Barry Lane

*Writer’s Notebook, Aimee Buckner*

*Lessons for the Writer’s Notebook* by Fletcher and Portalupi

*Lessons That Change Writers* by Nancie Atwell

*A Writer’s Notebook: Unlocking the Writer Within You* by Ralph Fletcher

*Breathing In, Breathing Out: Keeping a Writer’s Notebook* by Ralph Fletcher

*Study Driven: A Framework for Planning Units of Study in the Writing Workshop* by Katie Wood Ray

*Wondrous Words: Writers and Writing in the Elementary Classroom* by Katie Wood Ray

*Mentor Author, Mentor Texts, by Ralph Fletcher*
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http://gomaisa-public.rubiconatlas.org/Atlas/Public/View/Default

Hall County Schools Launching Writer’s Workshop Units of Study
Persuasive resources available

Portland Public Schools/K-S Writing Units of Study
Persuasive Units Available
http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/curriculum/2022.htm
Jefferson County Public Schools/Literacy Resource Closet K-5 Resources
http://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/Departments/Gheens/LiteracyCloset/Writing%20Workshop%20Instructional%20Materials.html
Michigan’s Mission Impossible K-3 Lesson Resources
http://www.missionliteracy.com/page79/page80/page82/page82.html
Stanislaus County office of Education – Opinion Units for K-12 from MAISA- Michigan Association of Intermediate Schools
http://www.stancoe.org/SCOE/iss/common_core/ela/ELA_sample_units.htm
Knox Education K-6 Lesson Resources for all three genres
http://www.knoxeducation.com/teaching-writing-common-core-standards

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Trimester 1
Subject: Writing

I Can Write Like That!: A Guide to Mentor Texts and Craft Studies for Writers’ Workshop, K-6 by Susan Ehman and Kellyann Gayer
Mentor Texts: Teaching Writing Through Children’s Literature, K-6 by Lynne R. Dorfman by Rose Cappelli
Nonfiction Mentor Texts: Teaching Informational Writing Through Children’s Literature, K-8 by Lynne R. Dorfman and Rose Cappelli

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1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly.
   a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.
   b. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
   c. Pose and respond to specific questions by making comments that contribute to the discussion and elaborate on the remarks of others.
   d. Review the key ideas expressed and draw conclusions in light of information and knowledge gained from the discussions.

8. Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).

1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
   e. Use correlative conjunctions (e.g., either/or, neither/nor).

2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
   a. Use punctuation to separate items in a series.*
   b. Use a comma to separate an introductory element from the rest of a sentence.
   e. Spell grade appropriate words correctly, consulting references as needed.

8. Explican cómo el autor utiliza razones y evidencias para apoyar a determinados puntos en un texto, identificando que razones y evidencia corresponden a cada punto.

1 Audición y expresión oral
   a. Participan eficazmente en una serie de conversaciones colaborativas (en pares, en grupos, y dirigidas por el maestro) con diversos compañeros sobre temas y textos de quinto grado, elaborando sobre las ideas de los demás y expresando las propias con claridad.
   a. Vienen preparados a las conversaciones, después de haber leído o estudiado el material necesario; se basan explicitamente en esa preparación y otra información conocida sobre el tema para explorar las ideas que se están tratando.
   b. Siguen las reglas acordadas para participar en las conversaciones y llevar a cabo las funciones asignadas.
   c. Plantean y contestan preguntas específicas al hacer comentarios que contribuyen a la conversación y expanden los comentarios de los demás.
   d. Revisan las ideas clave expresadas y hacen conclusiones tomando en cuenta la información y el conocimiento obtenido de las conversaciones previas.

1. Demuestran dominio de las normativas de la gramática del español y su uso al escribirlo o hablarlo.
   e. Usan las conjunciones correlative con la forma correcta de negación (ejemplo: Ni esto, ni aquello).

2. Demuestran dominio de las normativas del español estándar para el uso de las letras mayúsculas, signos de puntuación y ortografía al escribir.
   a. Usan la puntuación correcta para separar elementos en una serie.*
   b. Usan una coma para separar un elemento de introducción del resto de la oración.
   e. Escriben con ortografía correcta palabras adecuadas al nivel de grado, consultando materiales de referencia según sea necesario, incluyendo el uso del acento escrito a base de pronunciación y el acento diacrítico.
### ELD Standards

#### Part 1: Interacting in Meaningful Ways

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<td><strong>3. Offering opinions</strong>&lt;br&gt;Negotiate with or persuade others in conversations using a variety of learned phrases (e.g., That's an interesting idea. However . . .), as well as open responses, in order to gain and/or hold the floor, provide counter-arguments, elaborate on an idea, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>7. Expanding noun phrases</strong>&lt;br&gt;Describe the specific language writers or speakers use to present or support an idea (e.g., the specific vocabulary or phrasing used to provide evidence) with prompting and substantial support.</td>
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<td><strong>7. Expanding noun phrases</strong>&lt;br&gt;Explain how well writers and speakers use specific language resources to support an opinion or present an idea (e.g., the clarity or appealing nature of language used to provide evidence or describe characters, or if the phrasing used to introduce a topic is appropriate) with light support.</td>
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<td><strong>10. Writing</strong>&lt;br&gt;a) Write short literary and informational texts (e.g., a description of a camel) collaboratively (e.g., joint construction of texts with an adult or with peers) and sometimes independently.&lt;br&gt;<strong>11. Supporting opinions</strong>&lt;br&gt;a) Support opinions by expressing appropriate/accurate reasons using textual evidence (e.g., referring to text) or relevant background knowledge about content with substantial support.&lt;br&gt;b) Express ideas and opinions or temper statements using basic modal expressions (e.g., can, has to, maybe).</td>
<td><strong>10. Writing</strong>&lt;br&gt;a) Write longer literary and informational texts (e.g., an informative report on different kinds of camels) collaboratively (e.g., joint construction of texts with an adult or with peers) and with increasing independence using appropriate text organization.&lt;br&gt;<strong>11. Supporting opinions</strong>&lt;br&gt;a) Support opinions or persuade others by expressing appropriate/accurate reasons using some textual evidence (e.g., paraphrasing facts from a text) or relevant background knowledge about content.&lt;br&gt;b) Express attitude and opinions or temper statements with familiar modal expressions (e.g., maybe/probably, can/must).</td>
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#### Part 2: Learning About How English Works

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<td><strong>4. Using nouns and Noun phrases</strong>&lt;br&gt;Expand noun phrases in a variety of ways (e.g., adding comparative/superlative adjectives to noun phrases or simple clause embedding) in order to enrich the meaning of sentences and add details about ideas, people, things, etc.</td>
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<td>Combine clauses in a wide variety of ways (e.g., creating compound and complex sentences) to make connections between and join ideas, for example, to express cause/effect (e.g., The deer ran because the mountain lion approached them.), to make a concession (e.g., She studied all night even though she wasn’t feeling well.), to link two ideas that happen at the same time (e.g., The cubs played while their mother hunted.), or to provide reasons to support ideas (e.g., The author persuades the reader by X.).</td>
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