

Student Samples: Grade 5

Opinion Performance Task

Focus Standards

Grade 5: W.5.2a, c, d; W.5.4; W.5.5

4-Point Opinion Performance Task Writing Rubric (Grades 3–5)

SCORE	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT	NS
ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE	<p>The response has a clear and effective organizational structure, creating a sense of unity and completeness. The organization is sustained between and within paragraphs. The response is consistently and purposefully focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opinion is introduced, clearly communicated, and the focus is strongly maintained for the purpose and audience consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas effective introduction and conclusion logical progression of ideas from beginning to end; strong connections between and among ideas with some syntactic variety 	<p>The response has an evident organizational structure and a sense of completeness. Though there may be minor flaws, they do not interfere with the overall coherence. The organization is adequately sustained between and within paragraphs. The response is generally focused:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opinion is clear, and the focus is mostly maintained for the purpose and audience adequate use of transitional strategies with some variety to clarify relationships between and among ideas adequate introduction and conclusion adequate progression of ideas from beginning to end; adequate connections between and among ideas 	<p>The response has an inconsistent organizational structure. Some flaws are evident, and some ideas may be loosely connected. The organization is somewhat sustained between and within paragraphs. The response may have a minor drift in focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opinion may be somewhat unclear, or the focus may be insufficiently sustained for the purpose and/or audience inconsistent use of transitional strategies and/or little variety introduction or conclusion, if present, may be weak uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end; and/or formulaic; inconsistent or unclear connections between and among ideas 	<p>The response has little or no discernible organizational structure. The response may be related to the opinion but may provide little or no focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opinion may be confusing or ambiguous; response may be too brief or the focus may drift from the purpose and/or audience few or no transitional strategies are evident introduction and/or conclusion may be missing frequent extraneous ideas may be evident; ideas maybe randomly ordered or have an unclear progression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient (includes copied text) In a language other than English Off-topic Off-purpose

Sample A

There is a new rule about service animals. It says that only miniature ponies and dogs are allowed in public places. Most people agree and disagree with this new rule. I personally disagree with this new rule.

My first disagreement is that it is not fair to the people with disabilities. Some people don't need dogs or ponies so they use snakes, monkeys, pigs, etc. People with problems with their spine use smaller animals. This new rule stops them from bringing it to public places. It is not fair for people with disabilities to be denied their companion who helps them live that's not a dog.

My second disagreement is that it is not fair to the animal that is in service. If the animal is not a dog or pony it is not allowed to be in public. This stops giving the animal purpose when its owner is out, which means it is not helping its owner. When the animal is not doing its job and is staying at its owner's house, then who is going to watch it?

My final disagreement is that it hurts businesses. People with service animals that are not dogs or ponies are not allowed to bring their pet or companion in which detours many people with service animals. This will start making businesses go out of business. People with animals that comfort them will be deterred from many businesses because of this new rule with service animals that are not dogs or ponies.

In conclusion there are many reasons to disagree with this new rule. My position on this new rule is that it is bad to service animal owners that do not need a miniature pony or dog.

Sample B

I think the service animal law should stay the way it is and here are some reasons why.

There are many different kinds of service animals but there are some that can't be in public places such as birds and snakes, but some can like dogs and miniature horses.

In section 2 it says "Business owners were unclear about the kind of service animals that were allowed in their businesses. They were also unclear about the amount of responsibility that they had for service animals that were brought into their businesses."

This tells me that it was hard for the business owners to know what some of these animals were for. It also says in section 2 that some of these animals carried diseases. This is why they made the law so people wouldn't get sick.

As you can see these are the reasons why they should keep the service animal law.

Sample C

from my perspective I think from source #3 "once the new rules went into effect the only service animals permitted in public places were dogs and miniture horses." and "for example birds could leave droppings on a store floor." That's why I chose animals that are permitted are only aloud in surtain places. cause if I was at a resturaunt and there was a boa constrictor I would'nt be satisfied in my food anymore and defenetly I'd lose my appetite when I go to my favorite resturaunt I don't want to see any gross animals because I suddently would not want my favorite food anymore. In source #3 it says Different animals carry certain desieses." one example if I sat next to a pet and they they let my pet if it would have a disies and that would be bad.

Sample D

Opinion about Service animals

I have learned that disabled people need help from service animals and that I disagree with the new rule.

People that have been disabled and has a service animal should walk in a shop/restraunt and not be told, "Sorry only dogs and miniture horeses allowed", because if you have a service animal (besides a dog or miniture horse) to comfort you or help you you might have to ask somone to do it for you.

Animals like "Capuchin Monkeys are wonderful service animals, not everyone agrees. Capuchins are small, easy to train, and able to bond, However they are still wild. Other animals like dolphins and snakes can be a good way to calm people down while swimming/being in a big crowd.

I think that if there is a service animal that can make you calm or help you, you should not be told not to have it in public.

Sample E

In my opinion I don't think other service animals besides dogs and miniature horses should be aloud in public places. I say this because those other animals can leave waste on the floor in public places, can attack someone, and some people can be sensitive too some of these animals.

First, other types of service animals are not tame and they can leave waste on the floor of restaurants. In source #3 it says, "Dogs and miniature horses, however, are tame. They have been used as pets for hundreds of years...These animals can be trusted by pet owners and business owners." It is right to allow disabled people to bring their service dogs and miniature horses with them into public places but, it is not right to allow other service animals in. Source #3 says, "In addition, some animals are not trained to keep an area clean." It also says, "For example birds could leave droppings on a store floor." Other types of service animals can leave waste on the floor in public places. The costemers will not want go to that place again because they will say that the restraurant lets the service animals just leave waste on the floor and they don't clean it up. Sorce #3 says, "This creates an unhealthy setting for others."

Second, other service animals can attack someone. Sorce #3 says that dogs and miniature horses, "They listen to commands." But sorce #1 says, "She points out that it is possible for capuchins to become violent suddenly and this can be a danger to their owners and others." Other animals might have rabies or fleas and when it bites the person it could infect them maybe causing them to have to go to the hospital to get help. But if it was a well trained dog it would just sit down and help the disabled person and listen to their commands.

Finally, some people are sensitive to birds or afraid of snakes. If someone used one of these animals as their service animal then other people wouldn't want to go outside because they might start sneezing or get afraid. They might get afraid of snakes because they might have watched scary movies that have huge snakes in it.

In conclusion I think that only service dogs and miniature horses should be allowed in public places. I think this because of these three reasons first the animals can leave waste on the floor in public, second the service animal can attack someone, and third the service animal can make people sneeze or people might be frightened. AS you can see only service animals such as dogs and miniature horses should be allowed in public places.

Sample F

I agree on the new rule that allows only dogs and miniature horses as service animals in public places. I agree on this because of the next listed paragraphs.

The first reason that I agree with the new rule is because it disturbs some people. Take a hotel for instance. In a hotel you want relaxation and peace but if a service animal, like a bird, is squaking around you get no peace or the relaxation you were looking for. This brings me to my next reason.

The second reason I agree was because of losing business. If you were in Starbucks, just happily drinking your coffee, and then you see a snake come in. Even though the snake was comforting some one, you still wouldn't want the snake to bite you. It says in source number three that, "A man has a large snake draped over his shoulders. He wants to enter a café for lunch . . . Once the new rules went into effect, the only service animals permitted in public places are dogs and miniature horses."

The last reason why I agree with the new rule is because of the janitorial workers. If a janitor had to pick up some animals dropping it would be an unhealthy environment to the costumers and the janitor already has enough people to pick up after.

I agree with the new rule because of how much business managers are keeping, how disturbing the service animal is and how much work they take to clean up after having in a public place.

Sample G

Today, I was asked to pick a side about the new service animal rules and regulations. I strongly believe that the new rules are better, more safe, and more helpful compared to the old rules. Let me explain why.

It specifically states in source 3 lines 15-25 that, "people were allowed to choose any service animal as helpers, including pigs, birds, and lizards!" So, does that mean that if I were disabled, I could have a Gila Monster? Pretty much – Yes. The new laws prohibit anything that dangerous happening, because the animals have been limited to dogs and small horses.

Let me add on to how dangerous it is to have a pet snake or lizard. I get that it might make the disabled person feel comfy and cozy. But if you brought a snake or other creature into, let's say, a coffee shop, how would that make passerby feel? Probably not so good.

Also, there is always the possibility of the service animal attacking. If you get attacked by a dog, no big deal. Now, let's pretend that the dog is now a snake attacking. You could possibly die (I am not using snakes for any particular reason).

This is what really gives me the chills. Let's say, a paralyzed man has a pet monkey. There is no way in knowing if that monkey is going to attack or not. If it did attack, the paralyzed man would have no way to protect himself. Even though it only could happen, it is always good to be on the safe side.

I strongly believe that if the A.D.A. did not make that law, we would be in a pretty tight situation. If I owned a store, I would not want monkeys and birds coming through my door. I think that the new rules are better for all of us. I personally would love to hear the other side of the story because right now, there is nothing that could change my mind.

To conclude, I would like to say that I strongly believe that A.D.A.'s new rules and regulations are better, more safe, and more helpful compared to the old rules.

Sample H

I disagree with this rule for 1 not everybody has a dog or a pony and 2 people should be able to bring the service animal they feel most comfortable with. But should some one bring a non service animal in to the store no because their not trained. Now you know my opinion and I will tell you 3 reasons why this is my opinion.

First if you had a different animal it could do different things like if you had a chimpanzee it could reach high stuff for you. In the article this man had a snake and he said "The snake is a service animal that helps comfort him". And that's just one reason why other reasons there are more reasons like this next one.

Capuchin monkeys can do work for disabled people who can do them alone. Owners feel safer with monkey help even though they are dangerous.

The final and last reason to have different service animals is the joy of doing things again because different animals allow you to do different things. Dogs can help you but with the no dogs signs doesn't that mean no service dogs. Plus monkeys have paws almost like a hand and they could probably grab more things like soda straws for you to drink out of. Now if you forgot what I was talking about this will remind you.

I think with all of these details you should remember but I was giving you my opinion on if other service animals should be allowed. And I said "I disagree with the rule for one not every one has a dog or a pony." But now you know my opinion on this subject and I hope you agree.