

OPINION WRITING I THINK... BECAUSE

Frames, pick-one pages, planners and drafts for K-2. Fillable PDF.

THINK BEST PET

My name: _____ Date: _____

Read it. Draw. Then write what you think.

What is the best pet?

My Picture

Write what you think

I think

PICK ONE DOGS OR CATS

My name: _____ Date: _____

Circle one. Then tell why.

Which is the better pet?

dogs cats

Tell why

I think

because

PLAN IT CLASS PET

My name: _____ Date: _____

Write a few words on each line.

Should our class have a class pet?

I think

Reason 1

Reason 2

The end

DRAFT IT BEST DAY

My name: _____ Date: _____

Write what you think. Tell why.

What is the best day of the week?

I think

One reason is

Another reason is

OPINION WORDS

My name: _____ Date: _____

Use these words when you tell what you think.

I think I like

best better

because also

so my favorite

Pick two words. Write a sentence.

PICK ONE SUMMER OR WINTER

My name: _____ Date: _____

Circle one. Then tell why.

Which is the better season?

summer winter

Tell why

I think

because

Fillable PDF

24 Pages

12 Questions

4 Layouts



One kit of opinion writing for young writers: twelve questions with no right answer, so a child can say what they think and give a reason. Every student page is pencil work, so no student page needs scissors or glue.

THREE STEPS

1 Pick a layout

Four layouts, from one picture and two lines to a full eight-line draft. The chart below says which page for which child. Page 4 is a word page the child can look at while writing.

2 Hand it over

Each page asks one opinion question. The child says it out loud, then writes. On 9 pages a starter is already printed (“Also,” “Another reason is,” “I think,” “One reason is,” “So,” “because”). Click any line in a PDF reader to type a starter or a word of your own before you print.

3 Log it, send it home

Date each page on the log (page 17), roll the group up on page 19, and send the family note (page 20). A filled example is on page 18.

WHICH PAGE, WHEN

WHEN...	USE...
One picture, then “I think... because...”	I Think, pages 5, 6, 7
Choosing between two things, then saying why	Pick One, pages 8, 9, 10
Thinking in sections before writing	Plan It, pages 11, 12, 13
Writing a whole opinion in order	Draft It, pages 14, 15, 16
A child needs the words	Opinion Words, page 4 · phrase bank, page 21

Everything inside (24 pages)

- **13 student pages:** 12 opinion questions in 4 layouts, plus 1 word page
- **9 pages** with sentence starters already printed
- **1 writing log** (12 rows), **1 class grid**, **1 filled example**
- **1 family note** with three ways to help at home, **1 phrase bank**
- **1 binder cover**, **6 divider tabs** and a spine label, cut along the dashed lines

What is not in here

There is no scoring and no rubric. How many reasons to ask for, and when, is your call: the log has a blank for it and your district’s own writing expectations decide the rest.



My name: _____ Date _____



Use these words when you tell what you think.

I think

I like

best

better

because

also

so

my favorite

Pick two words. Write a sentence.

Four sets of horizontal lines for writing, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



My name: _____ Date _____



Read it. Draw. Then write what you think.

What is the best pet?

My Picture

Write what you think

I think

because

PICK ONE

DOGS OR CATS



My name: _____

Date _____



Circle one. Then tell why.

Which is the better pet?

dogs

cats

Tell why

I think

because

Also,





My name: _____ Date _____



Write a few words on each line.

Should our class have a class pet?

I think

Reason 1

Reason 2

The end



My name: _____ Date _____



Write what you think. Tell why.

What is the best day of the week?

I think

One reason is

Another reason is

So



Marcus L. is invented; nothing on this page describes a real student. The blank log is on page 17.

STUDENT

TEACHER

MONTH

Marcus L. (an invented student)

Ms. Bello (invented)

September

ROW	PAGE	DATE	REASONS	NOTES
1	Best Pet · I Think	9/2	1	Drew a dog; said it out loud first
2	Best Lunch · I Think	9/4	1	–
3	Best Recess Game · I Think	9/9	1	Started with I think on his own
4	Dogs or Cats · Pick One	9/16	2	Circled before writing
5	Summer or Winter · Pick One	9/18	1	–
6	Park or Library · Pick One	–	–	–
7	Class Pet · Plan It	9/23	2	Filled all four sections
8	Play Outside · Plan It	–	–	–
9	Best Color · Plan It	–	–	–
10	Best Day · Draft It	–	–	–
11	Best Book · Draft It	–	–	–
12	Best Place · Draft It	–	–	–

How to read it

Marcus L. has finished 6 of 12 questions and given 8 reasons in all: 3 on I Think (3 of 3 pages done), 3 on Pick One (2 of 3), 2 on Plan It (1 of 3) and 0 on Draft It (0 of 3). Next up is row 6, Park or Library. Every number comes from the table above.

One page as the child wrote it (invented)

**I think dogs are the best pet
because they play with me.
(row 1, Best Pet, 1 reason)**



THANK YOU FOR USING THIS RESOURCE

Everything here was built for the teacher who has a table of children who each need a different amount of support to say what they think and why. If this helped, leaving feedback on TPT helps other teachers find it.

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33 Pages 5 Page Types 15 Sentences 33 Tiles to Cut

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SORT - ORDER - FIX

1st Grade - 2nd Grade - Special Ed

Fix the Sentence Worksheets
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