

Building Foundations That Last

Second Grade Opinion Model Planning Form

Date: February

Quarterly Benchmark: Q3

Topic: Weather events **Audience:** Second Grade Writers **Purpose:** Share opinion

Title: Powerful Floods

Standards & Curriculum Connection:

1.W.1 – Opinion Writing

Reach – Unit 5 – Why is Nature Always Changing (Including Wild Weather books)

Grammar – Complete sentences and compound sentences

Phonics – Read and spell words with vowel digraph /ou/

Vocabulary – affect, happen

High frequency words – family, long

Process

- Uses planning strategy
- Plans with opinion words
- Identifies a topic, purpose and specific reader for piece

Surface Features

- Spells unknown words using knowledge of word structures
- Uses a variety of punctuation including apostrophes and commas

Content

- Writing is logically sequenced within intro, body, conclusion
- Writes an opinion with supporting reasons in response to a topic, text or source

Background Information – We have been reading about how nature is always changing and some of the different types of wild weather that people experience. I am going to write my opinion about one of the natural disasters that I think would be the most damaging.

Introduction (Topic, Hook, Opinion)

- No doubt – floods – most damaging natural disaster
- Affects people, pets and houses
- Concerned – what happens in a flood

Body (Reasons, evidence from the sources, elaboration)

Reason #1

Fill an entire building

Details/Evidence

- Rushing water
- Ruins everything

Reason #2

Prepare sandbags

Details/Evidence

- Hard work
- Need many to hold back water

Reason #3

Safety of rescuers

Details/Evidence

- Saving people and pets
- Disastrous

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Conclusion (Opinion wrap up)

- Powerful – long lasting
- Train to be a rescuer

The Writing:

Powerful Floods

Without a doubt, I think that floods are one of the most damaging natural disasters! When I think about what happens to people, their pets and their houses, I feel very concerned. Since the rushing water in a flood can fill an entire building, most of what is in your house could be ruined. If people have enough warning before the flood, they could prepare sandbags to try and protect their property. The problem is that filling sandbags is very hard work and you need many of them to try and hold back the water. Another thing that worries me is the safety of the rescuers. They need to use boats to get around the flooded streets to save the stranded people and their pets. If the boat tips over, it could be disastrous. As you can tell, the powerful water of a flood can affect families for a long time! Perhaps I can train to be a rescuer when I grow up.