

Building Foundations That Last Second Grade Opinion Model Planning Form

Date: Nov. – Dec.
Topic: Water Conservation
Purpose: To share an opinion

Quarter 2 Benchmarks
Audience: Students in another class at
our grade level

Standards & Curriculum Connection:

W.2.1 – Opinion writing
RI.2.8– Describe how reasons support specific points
Reach for Reading – Unit 3 – Water Cycle
Language and Vocabulary – short and long -a
Grammar – Use adjectives
High Frequency Words – water, going **Vocabulary Words** – rain, clean, healthy

Process

- Planning strategies
- Identifies a topic, purpose and specific reader/audience for piece

Surface Features

- Begins to format ideas into paragraph form (indenting)
- Uses a variety of ending punctuation

Content

- Reasons are relevant to the opinion
- Contains descriptive vocabulary that is specific to the opinion

**Background Information –
Introduction (Opinion, Sources)**

- Everyone needs water
- Conservation – precious resource

Body (Reasons, evidence from the source, elaboration)

Reason: # 1

Everyone should conserve
Details/Evidence

- Action - Recycle rainwater
- Limited fresh water

Reason: # 2

Rainfall high in Everett
Details/Evidence

- 36.1 inches of rain yearly
- Materials – large container – lid with holes – protect from animals/leaves

Closure (Opinion reworded and wrap up):

All people need fresh water to survive
Details/Evidence

- Find a way to conserve water

The Writing:

Saving Water

Everyone needs water! Water conservation is an important way to protect this precious resource. I believe we should all find ways to conserve clean, healthy water. One action I am going to take is collecting rainwater for watering plants. Since there is limited fresh water around the world, recycling rainwater for plants would leave more water for drinking. The Everett area gets 36.1 inches of rainwater every year, which would make collecting rainwater easy! To keep the water clean, I could use a container and add a lid with holes in the top. This would keep animals and leaves out of the water. I believe conserving water is important because all people need fresh water to survive. I hope you will find a way to conserve water!