

Building Foundations That Last

Second Grade Opinion Model Planning Form

Date: May - June

Topic: Most interesting landmark

Purpose: To share an opinion

Title: Amazing Niagara Falls!

Quarter 4 Benchmarks

Audience: Other 2nd Graders

Standards & Curriculum Connection:

W.2.1 – Opinion writing

RI.2.8– Describe how reasons support specific points

Reach for Reading – Unit 8 – Our United States

Language and Vocabulary – prefixes and suffixes

Grammar – Prepositional Phrases

High Frequency Words –Vocabulary Words – America, monument

Process

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

Surface Features

- Indents paragraph about one topic with supporting details
- Uses a variety of punctuation including apostrophes and commas

Content

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

Background Information –

Introduction (Opinion, hook, topic)

- America – awe-inspiring landmarks
- Niagara Falls most recognizable landmark
- New York – Canada border

Body (Reasons, evidence from the source, elaboration)

Reason: # 1 – Characteristics

Details/Evidence

- Made of 3 falls - 176 feet high
- Power of water - mist

Reason: # 2 – Volume of water

Details/Evidence

- 150,000 gallons per second

Reason: # 3 - Most photographed

Details/Evidence

- Variety of sources
- Around the world

Closure (Opinion reworded and wrap up):

- Picturesque site
- Amazed, breathtaking
- 2.2 million visitors a year

The Writing:

Amazing Niagara Falls!

America is a country full of awe-inspiring landmarks. I believe one of the most recognizable landmarks in America is Niagara Falls that borders both New York State and Canada. One reason Niagara Falls is so famous is that it is made up of three falls that are 176 feet high. The force of the water at the bottom of the falls is so powerful you need to wear a raincoat or get soaked by the mist. Another impressive site is the volume of water that cascades over the falls. Can you believe that the water rushing over the falls equals 150,000 gallons per second? Finally, Niagara Falls is one of the most photographed landmarks in the country. Pictures of the falls appear in a variety of print and digital sources around the world! If you are as fortunate as I was to visit Niagara Falls, you will be amazed by this breathtaking site. It's no wonder that over 2.2 million people visit this picturesque site each year!