**The Cost of Water**

**Opinion Paragraph Rubric**

The student:

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| **Categories** | **Level 4** | **Level 3** | **Level 2** | **Level 1** |
| **Sentence structure, spelling and grammar** | writes more than 5 sentences with varied structure and excellent spelling and grammar. | writes 5 sentences with some varied structure and usually correct spelling and grammar. | writes 3-4 sentences and needs more varied structure and more accurate spelling and grammar. | writes with limited effectiveness due to lack of sentences and weak spelling and grammar. |
| **Vocabulary** | includes more than 6 vocabulary terms all used in context with a high degree of effectiveness. | includes 5-6 vocabulary terms with considerable effectiveness. | includes 3-4 vocabulary terms linked with some effectiveness. | writes a paragraph with 2 or fewer vocabulary terms or incorrectly used terms. |
| **Opinion Supported by facts** | directly states an opinion and uses at least three facts in a direct and insightful way with a high degree of effectiveness. | states a clear opinion and uses 2-3 facts with considerable effectiveness. | states an opinion that is somewhat supported by 1-2 facts. | has an unclear opinion or has facts that contradict the opinion.  |
| **Capitalization and punctuation** | has written with highly effective use of capitalization and punctuation. | has written with considerably effective use of capitalization and punctuation. | writes with some use of capitalization and punctuation. | writes with limited use of capitalization and punctuation. |