Chocolate or Candy

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Opinion writing tells what **you think** and **why**. Use **OREO**: state your **O**pinion, give **R**easons, add **E**xamples, then say your **O**pinion again.

Opinion words: *I think ... I believe ... In my opinion ... because ... For example ... That is why ...*

1. Fact or opinion?

Strong opinion writing uses facts as evidence. Circle **fact** or **opinion**.



1	Chocolate is made from cocoa beans.	fact	opinion
2	Chocolate is the yummiest treat in the world.	fact	opinion
3	Many candies are made mostly of sugar.	fact	opinion
4	Gummy candies are more fun to eat than chocolate.	fact	opinion
5	Chocolate melts on a hot day.	fact	opinion
6	Sour candy tastes better than sweet candy.	fact	opinion

2. Opinion and reason

Circle the best answer.

1. Which sentence states a clear opinion?

(a) Chocolate is brown.
(b) In my opinion, chocolate is better than candy.
(c) I ate a snack.

2. Which is the strongest reason for choosing candy?

(a) Candy comes in many flavours, shapes and colours.
(b) Candy is candy.
(c) I bought candy.

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3. Plan with OREO

Prompt: Which treat is better: chocolate or candy? Plan your answer.

O – Opinion: what do you think?

R – Reason 1

E – Example for reason 1

R – Reason 2

E – Example for reason 2

O – Opinion again

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

Use your OREO plan.

Prompt: Which treat is better: chocolate or candy?

Check: ☐ Clear opinion ☐ Two reasons ☐ An example for each ☐ Linking words ☐ Opinion restated at the end

Answer Key

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Sample notes. Answers will vary.

O – Opinion: what do you think?
Chocolate is better than candy.

R – Reason 1
You can use chocolate in so many ways.

E – Example for reason 1
We bake chocolate chip cookies and make hot chocolate in winter.

R – Reason 2
Chocolate is a special treat to share.

E – Example for reason 2
At Grandma's, we share one chocolate bar after dinner.

O – Opinion again
That is why chocolate is the best treat.

Model Answer

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4. Write your opinion paragraph

A model answer to share with students. Their writing will be different.

In my opinion, chocolate is better than candy. One reason is that you can use chocolate in so many ways. For example, my family bakes chocolate chip cookies and makes hot chocolate on snowy days. Another reason is that chocolate is a treat to share. At Grandma's house, we split one chocolate bar after dinner, and everyone gets a square. That is why chocolate is the best treat.