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Have you ever went to a zoo? Many people think zoos are good for animals. Actually, zoos have taken animals from their habitats to entertain people. There is a debate over whether zoos are good or bad for animals. In my opinion, zoos are bad for animals.

One reason I feel this way is because animals in zoos get zoochosis. For example, animals start to hurt themselfs if they have zoochosis. They also start to sway. It might look like they are dancing, but when they do this, it shows that they are very bored. This makes me think that zoos can make animals go wild.

My second reason is that some animals are not well cared for in zoos. For example, in some aquariums, they shock, hurt, or take food away from animals if they don't do the trick right. Also sometimes zoo keepers feed different kind of food to the animal. This may make them unhealthy. This makes me think that zoos are actually not

nice to animals.

My final reason is that zoos don't give animals what they need to live. For example, a cheetah needs lots of space to run. Zoos don't give this kinds of space to cheetahs. Also, in aquariums whals can't dive very deep to get food. They mostly stay underwater in the wild. They stay above the ~~water~~ most of there life in zoos. This makes me think that zoos don't help animals.

Some people think zoos are good for animals. They think zoos help animals population grow by taking them away from there home. This is not true because some animals die if they are taken away from their home.

In conclusion I think that zoos are bad for animals. I feel strongly about this topic because animals get zoochosis, animals don't get cared for, and zoos don't give animals what they need to live. This is why I think zoos stink!

Grade 3 – Opinion Writing
Kid Friendly Rubric

Write an **opinion essay** on a topic that includes the following:

- Introduce the **topic** and **state your opinion**.
- Provide **reasons** that support the opinion.
- Use **transition words** (because, therefore, since, for example).
- Provide a **conclusion.**

Grade	Genre & Text	Traits	Convention
4 = Advanced	Everything in level 3 PLUS: • Exceptionally clear and focused. • Details go beyond the obvious	Everything in level 3 PLUS: • Rich vocabulary • Variety of sentence structures	Everything in level 3 PLUS: • Above grade level use of conventions
3 = Proficient	• Respond to <u>all</u> parts of the prompt • Provides an introduction and states an opinion • Provides many supporting details • Provides a concluding statement	• Writing is clear and easy to understand • Gives reasons (supporting details) for the opinion • Paragraphs are organized with topic sentence, details, conclusion • Uses transition words correctly (because, therefore, for example) • Uses simple and compound sentences • Writer's voice (personality) is obvious	• Few spelling, punctuation, grammar, and capitalization errors • Printing is easy to read • Correct margins and letter spacing
2 = Basic	• Responds to some parts of the prompt • Only a few supporting details • Loses focus	• Few linking words (or used incorrectly) • Some descriptive words • Ordinary language & vocabulary • Uses only simple sentences, incomplete, or run-on sentences	• Some errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and capitalization • Printing is easy to read but margins or letter spacing is correct
1 = Below Basic	• Does not respond to the prompt • No supporting details • Lists reasons instead of paragraph form	• Little organization • Limited vocabulary • Many incomplete or run-on sentences • Writing is difficult to read	• Many errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and capitalization • Printing is not easy to read • No margins or letter spacing