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| <b>Title:</b> Would You Rather? Forming Opinions | <b>Grade:</b> 2nd Grade                  |
| <b>Content:</b> Writing                          | <b>Duration:</b> 15 minutes for two days |

**Standard:**

- **W.2.1:** Students will write to give an opinion and reasons to support it.

**Objective:** Students will write to give an opinion, give multiple reasons to support it, and give a sense of closure.

**Resources Needed:**

- Paper
- Pencil
- Teacher may provide an online resource for responses
- [Opinion Draft Organizer](#)
- [Would You Rather? Questions](#)
  - Examples:
    - Would you rather wake up and have a squirrel tail or deer antlers?
    - Would you rather be able to swim like a fish or fly like a bird?

The form is titled "Opinion Paragraph Draft" and is enclosed in a dashed border. It contains the following sections:

- Title:** A line for writing the title.
- State Opinion:** A box with a label and a line for writing the opinion.
- Transition and Reason 1:** A box with a label and a line for writing the first reason.
- Transition and Reason 2:** A box with a label and a line for writing the second reason.
- Transition and Reason 3:** A box with a label and a line for writing the third reason.
- Repeat Opinion in different words:** A box with a label and a line for writing the closing sentence.

**Introduction/Description:**

Students will write an opinion paragraph. The child will use “Would You Rather” questions to form and state an opinion about the topic. Then they will support the opinion with three or more reasons. They will write a closing sentence that restates the opinion in different words.

**Steps:**

**Day 1**

- Talk about the difference between an opinion and a fact.
- You may choose to view a brief video lesson here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEK2oGBSsHk>
- Opinions are statements that include judgment, belief, or feeling words.
  - I like...      I think...      I feel...
- Facts are statements of things that really exist or have happened and can be proven to be true.
- Choose the “Would You Rather” question you want to answer.
- The child completes the Opinion Draft Organizer with sentences.

**Day 2**

- Have a conversation to review the difference between opinions and facts.
- The child will use the Opinion Draft Organizer to create a paragraph including:
  - An opinion statement sentence.
  - 3 or more sentences that explain their reasons.
  - Tell the opinion again using different words as closure.

- The child should reread the paragraph out loud to hear if it makes sense and says the message he/she wants.

**Finished Product:** The child will produce an opinion paragraph that can be shared with the teacher.

**Adaptations:**

- The child may give more or less than 3 reasons to support the opinion.
- Assist the child with spelling as needed to avoid frustration.
- The child may dictate their ideas to a caregiver who will fill out the Opinion Draft Organizer. Then ask the child to copy from the organizer to create the final draft page.
- The child may type the paragraph if they struggle with handwriting.
- The child may need paper with wider lines to accommodate handwriting needs.

# Opinion Paragraph Draft

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

State  
Opinion

Transition  
and  
Reason 1

Transition  
and  
Reason 2

Transition  
and  
Reason 3

Repeat  
Opinion  
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words

## Would You Rather? Questions

Would you rather be a smartie pants or a class clown?

Would you rather meet a dinosaur or meet a robot?

Would you rather it always be winter or always be summer?

Would you rather have the power to teleport or time travel?

Would you rather have a pet lion or a pet shark?

Would you rather go deep sea diving or walk on the moon?

Would you rather be the teacher or be the student?

Would you rather be a famous person or a regular person?

Would you rather visit the beach or visit the mountains?

Would you rather have the power of super strength or the power to read minds?

Would you rather be the president or be a movie star?

Would you rather listen to music or watch a movie?

Would you rather wake up with a squirrel tail or wake up with deer antlers?

Would you rather read a great book or ride a high roller coaster?

Would you rather be able to swim like a fish or fly like a bird?