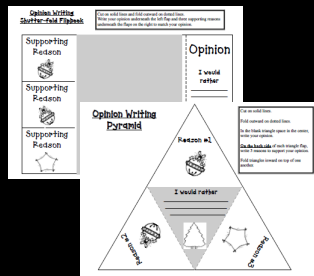


Holiday Themed "Would You Rather..."

Opinion Based
Writing Prompts &
Organizers
{Grades 2-5}



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Teaching Strategies

*Utilize the writing posters (Pages 3-4) to introduce and discuss opinion writing with students. The "Would You Rather..." prompt cards are intended for students to choose one holiday activity that they'd rather do, then support their opinion with reasons and examples.

*Literacy Centers:

-Print and laminate cards to store in a baggie. Students can choose a card to respond to, then complete a foldable organizer or writing template to support their opinion.

*Whole Class:

-Project one prompt card and have students choose a response. Younger students can use the foldable writing organizers and older students can use the foldable organizers for prewriting and template for publishing.

*Early Finishers:

-Students can choose a card to respond to, then complete an organizer or writing template to support their opinion.



A Good Opinion Writer...

- ★ States his or her opinion in the topic sentence
- ★ Defends his or her thinking through three or more reasons, with the third reason being the **MOST** important
- ★ Uses specific examples to support reasons such as lists, quotes, stories, or personal experiences
- ★ Restates his or her opinion at the end



Opinion Sentence Starters

One example is...

In other words...

One time...

Another example is...

This connects to...

I think...

I believe...

I feel...

This shows...



Would You Rather...

go sledding **or** have a snowball fight?



Would You Rather...

drink hot cocoa **or** drink apple cider?



Would You Rather...

build a snowman **or** build a gingerbread house?



Would You Rather...

go shopping **or** wrap presents?



Would You Rather...

have a snow day or come to school?



Would You Rather...

meet a reindeer or meet an elf?



Would You Rather...

eat gingerbread or eat Christmas cookies?



Would You Rather...

visit the North Pole or ride in Santa's sleigh?



Would You Rather...

open stockings **or** open boxes and bags?



Would You Rather...

be home for Christmas **or** go on vacation?



Would You Rather...

look at Christmas lights **or** watch Christmas movies?



Would You Rather...

give gifts **or** receive gifts?

Opinion Writing Pyramid

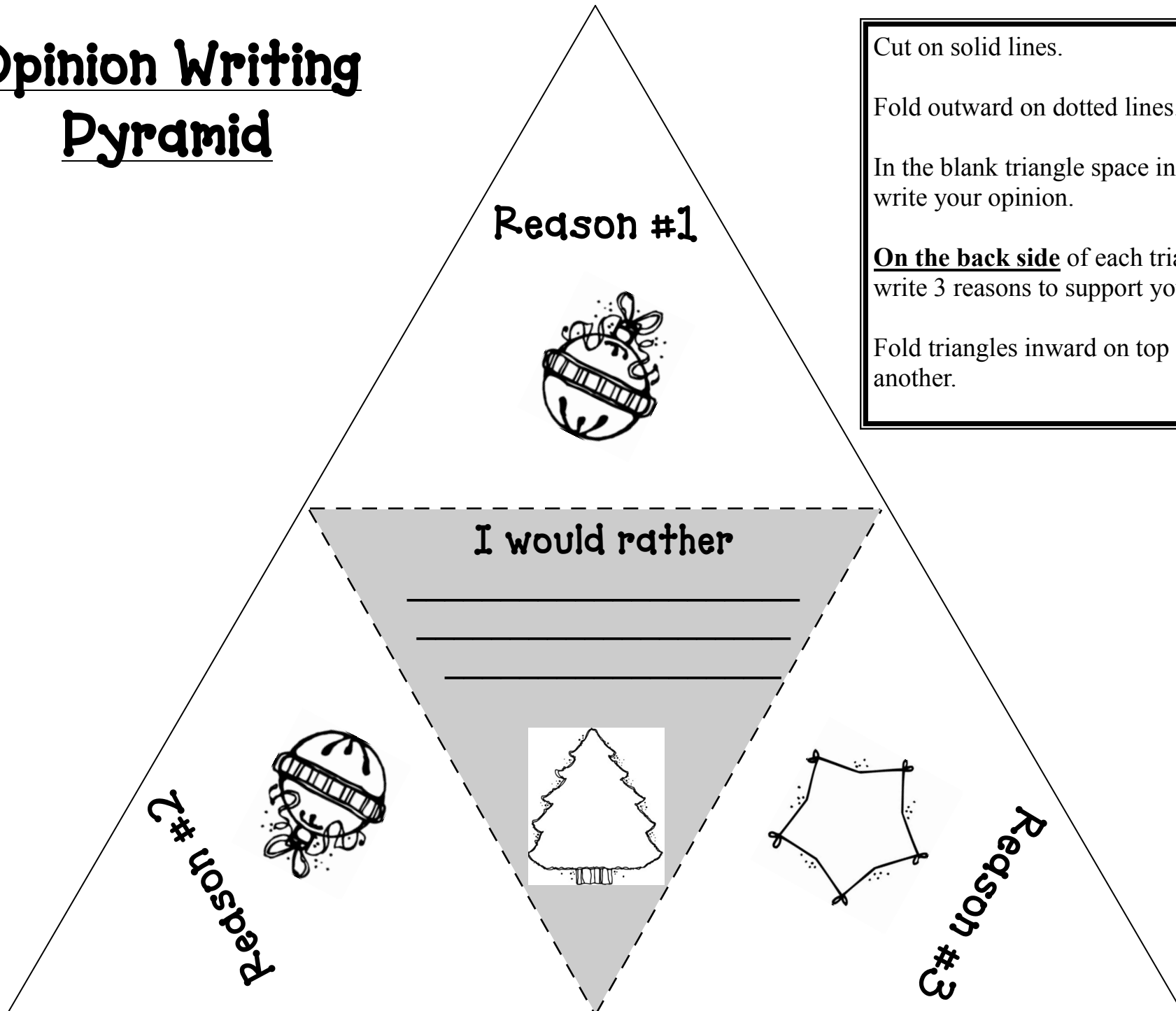
Cut on solid lines.

Fold outward on dotted lines.

In the blank triangle space in the center, write your opinion.

On the back side of each triangle flap, write 3 reasons to support your opinion.

Fold triangles inward on top of one another.



Opinion Writing Shutter-fold Flipbook

Cut on solid lines and fold outward on dotted lines.

Write your opinion underneath the left flap and three supporting reasons underneath the flaps on the right to match your opinion.

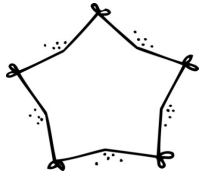
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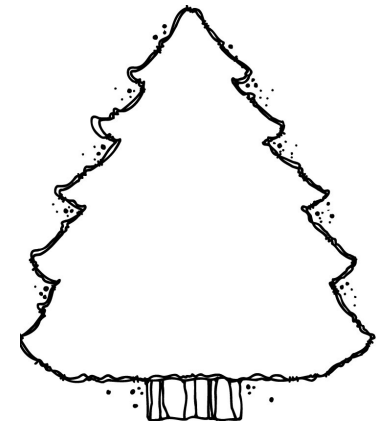


Supporting
Reason



Opinion

I would
rather



Would You Rather...

Name: _____

I would rather _____

because _____,

and most of all, because _____

One reason that I would rather _____

is that _____

Examples:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Another reason that I would rather _____

is that _____

Examples:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Most importantly, I would rather _____

because _____

Examples:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

As you can see, I would rather _____

Credits

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