

Student Exemplar for Proficiency: Grade 5, (Opinion)

This writing was produced with groups in class as a way to scaffold independence for the end of the year opinion piece.

Hunting! What can it do for you??

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Hunting is a sport to
kill and capture wild animals.
This is a good thing.

Why? Animals suffer
less. When you hunt, it
takes ten seconds for the
animal to die. If you've
seen beef at the
supermarket, the
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a brutal process. They are sometimes skinned alive.

Next, if we don't hunt animals they will overcrowd and starve to death. The carrying capacity is how much animals can be supported in a habitat each year. A habitat needs food, water, shelter and space. As a result, if animals don't have that, they will starve.



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Consequently, hunting is a good sport. You take on ten to eleven hours outdoors. Shawn Donovan who writes "Pros and Cons of Hunting" says, "Hunting is a great outdoor experience providing fresh air and plenty of exercise."



Annotation

The writer of this piece

- **Introduces a topic or text clearly, state an opinion**
 - *Hunting is a sport to kill and capture wild animals.*

- **Includes cause and effect, opinions, and other opposing viewpoints in persuasive writing where logically ordered reasons are supported by facts and details.**

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- *Next, if we don't hunt animals they will overcrowd and starve to death. The carrying capacity is how much animals can be supported in a habitat each year. A habitat needs food, water, shelter and space. As a result, if animals don't have them, they will starve and die.*
- *Consequently, hunting is a good sport. You take in ten to eleven hours outdoors. Shawn Donovan who writes, "Pros and Cons of Hunting says, "Hunting is a great outdoor experience providing fresh air and plenty of exercise."*

- **Provides an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose.**

- **Links opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically).**

- *Next, if we don't hunt animals they will...*
- *Consequently, hunting is a good sport.*

- **Provides a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.***

- *Student ends piece with a section sharing research of how hunting benefits people by "getting fresh air and plenty of exercise."*

- **Demonstrates good command of the conventions of standard written English (with occasional errors that do not interfere materially with the underlying message).**

*Next step teaching points:

Building in a concluding section related back to the opinion presented. Student could summarize the points made throughout the paper reiterating the opinion that hunting is good.