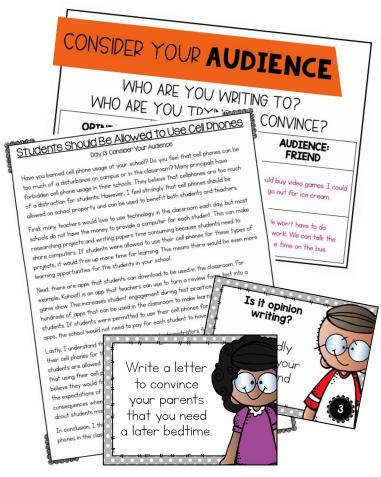
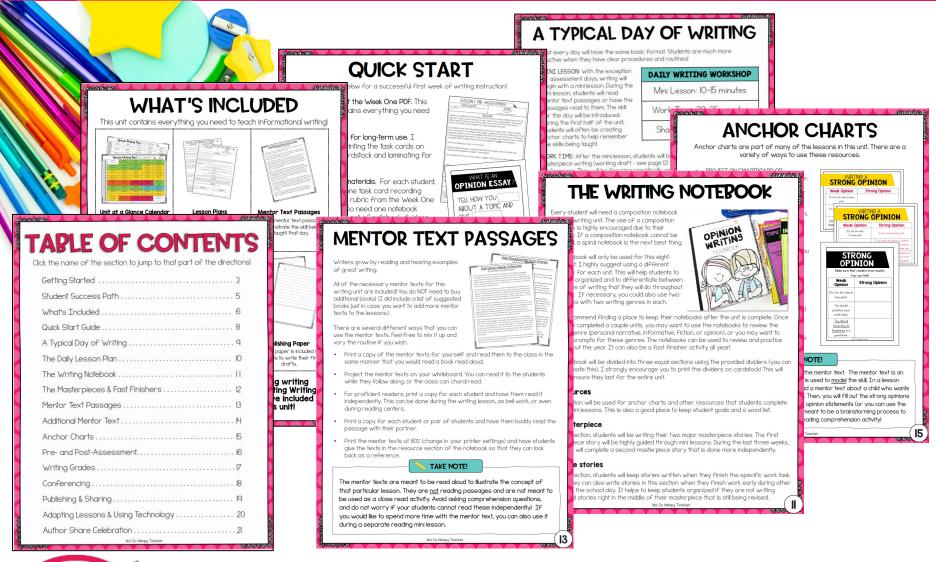
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### Soccer is the Best Sport Day I: Writing a Lead

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6: Topic and Concluding Sentences

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<u>I Should Have a Dog</u>

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Day B: Consider Opposing Opinions

Do you play a sport or have a favorite sports team? People enjoy playing and watching many sports, including baseball, football, basketball, hockey, and countless others. One sport reigns above all the rest: soccer. I believe soccer is the best sport to play.

First of all, soccer is the best sport because it is played all around the world. Soccer (also known as association football in other countries) is the most popular sport in the world! According to World Atlas, more than half of the people in the world are fans of soccer. That's four billion people! Soccer is most popular in Europe, Central America, and South America, but people in almost every country enjoy a good soccer match. Soccer ranks as the 5th most popular sport in the U.S., and we have our own major league soccer league (MLS), including a few teams from Canada.

Second, soccer is the most exciting sport to play and watch. In baseball, there is a lot of time spent doing nothing. Pitchers have to warm up, teams have to switch places, and coaches need to talk to players. All of this adds up to a lack of excitement. In football, there is a break between every play and lots of time outs. Soccer is almost nonstop action for 90 minutes, with only a sinale break in the middle. If the clock is stopped for a timeout, injury, or penalty, that time is added to the end of the game in stoppage time!

Because soccer is so exciting and high-energy, it also gives you TONS of exercise. If you've never played soccer, imagine being out on the field for a full 90 minutes. Some midfielders don't stop running the whole time! The field is huge (about 110 yards long), and players often need to run from one end to the other while dribbling the ball. You also develop dexterity from dribbling, passing, and dodging other players.

In addition, soccer is an excellent choice for people of ALL ages. Even 3-year-old kids can play soccer! My little cousin is three, and she just started soccer this year. What's cool is that all of the little kids can practice dribbling their own balls and can try to make goals at the same time. They don't know that they're not playing a real soccer match because all that matters to them is that they get to play! I've seen little kids try to dribble basketballs or hit baseballs, and it just doesn't work until they get a little older. I also know of adults who play soccer. There is an adult indoor league at the sports complex near my house that is very popular

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Don't Feed Wild Animals Day 7: Writing Strong Opinions

through the park and noticed kids throwing breadcrumbs at squirrels. \* vk. "They're feeding the squirrels!" However, feeding wild animals is NOT ns animals and people. We need to stop feeding wild animals right away.

numan food is not healthy for many animals in the wild. According to the ortment of Agriculture), animals have specialized diets that help them si die if they are fed the wrong foods. For example, when you toss bread s like giving them junk food. They are supposed to eat water plants, seed here is too much sugar and fat in most breads to keep these animals hea ntly, when these animals gain too much weight, it is harder for them to e nals can't tell the difference between wrappers and food, so they might

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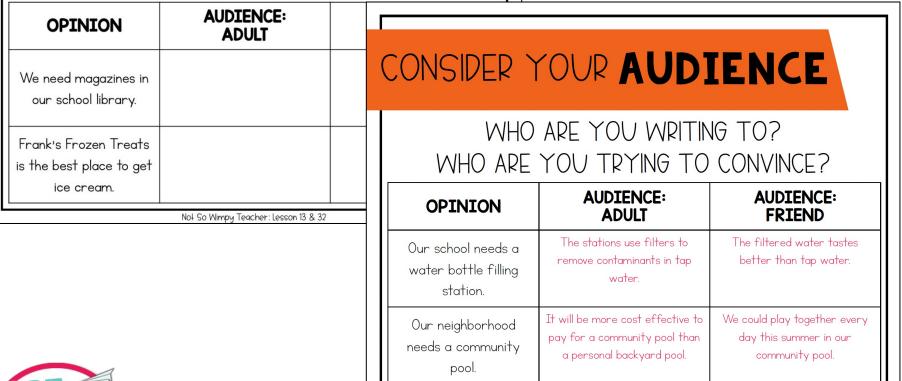
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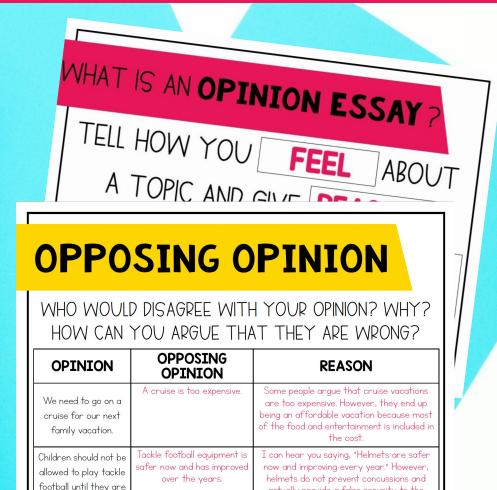
Not So Wimpy Teacher: Lesson 12 & 31



The included teacher anchor charts or posters come in both blank and filled-in versions for print and display.

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$\bigcirc$	when you need to fix a spelling error	there Look over their		
	when you need to begin a <b>new paragraph</b>	"I am Sarah," she said.¶"Hello," I replied.		
Not So Wimpy Teacher				



actually provide a false security to the children wearing them.

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Students build their own writing notebooks with handy anchor charts and graphic organizers to reference throughout the writing process. A digital option is included.

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## WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING



This is hands down, my very favorile purchase from this site. These lessons are explicit, easy to teach, and have empowered my students as writers. So much thought and preparation has gone into the creation of these lessons that I am grateful every single day I use them. – Julie M.



## **CONFERENCE OUTLINE**

Writing conferences are as easy as I-2-3!

Follow these easy steps to hold successful writing conferences.

#### I. Choose a Skill to Focus On

 Choose the revision skill you'd like to work on with the group and make this the focus of the conference.

### 2. Have Students Read a Small Portion from Their Masterpiece:

- Each student will read the part of their masterpiece that they feel demonstrates the focus of the conference that day.
- Give a compliment and possibly a suggestion to each student.

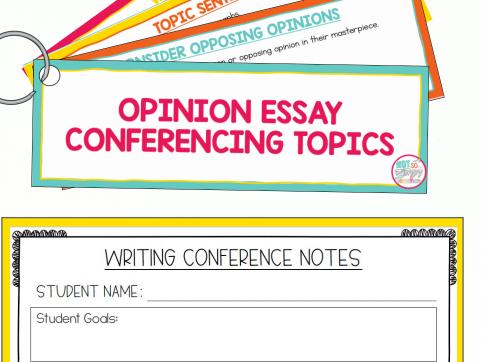
### 3. Review and Revise!

- Review the anchor chart and/or student printable for the skill you are focusing on, or highlight the skill in a mentor text.
- Encourage students to look at their own writing and think about how they will incorporate the skill into their masterpiece. Students will then work on making this revision.

### Helpful Tips:

- If a student reads their masterpiece and has truly mastered that day's revision skill, you can make a suggestion or send them back to their desk to work on that day's writing task. They do not need to stay to review the skill if they have already mastered it!
- Use the included conferencing notes page to make a note of the revisions each student plans to make so that you can follow up with

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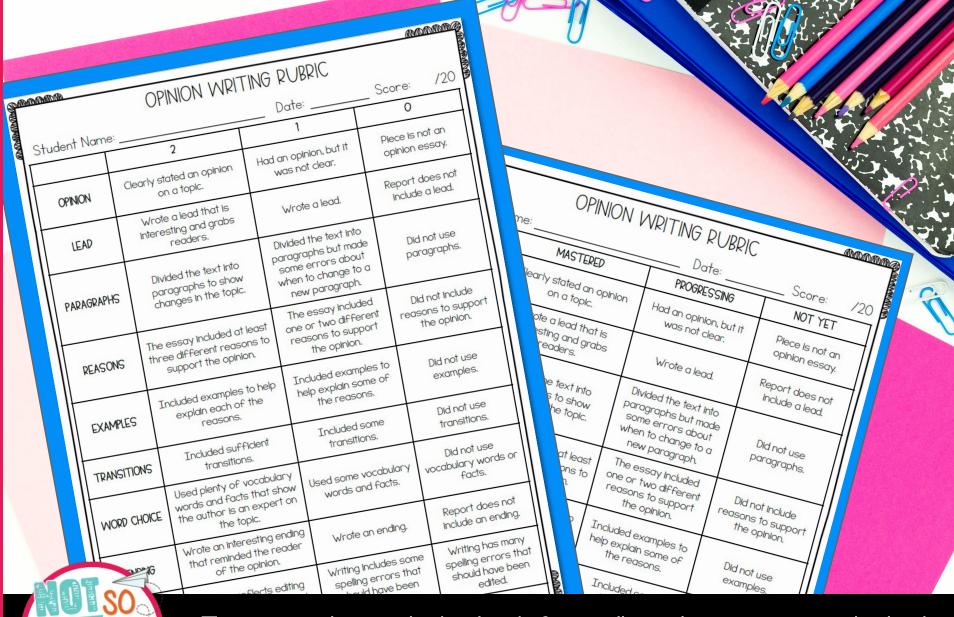
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