

A Samuel de Champlain
D Started the fur trade
D bringing France to America
C In conclusion

In my opinion Samuel de Champlain was the most important explorer. There are many reasons for this.

One reason is he started the fur trade. The fur trade started when France ran out of beavers. France ran out of beavers because they were killing too much to make hats. The fur trade was important because it brought more beaver to France and metal to the Natives.

Another reason is he started to bring French men to America. If he hadn't started the trade there would be few French men in America. If he hadn't brought the French here there also would be few metals in America.

In conclusion, in my opinion Samuel de Champlain was the most important explorer. That's two reasons for this.

Third Grade Writing Rubric: Opinion Writing

Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. **[W.3.1]**

- a) Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure that lists reasons. **[W.3.1a]**
- b) Provide reasons that support the opinion. **[W.3.1b]**
- c) Use linking words and phrases (e.g., *because, therefore, since, for example*) to connect opinion and reasons. **[W.3.1c]**
- d) Provide a concluding statement or section. **[W.3.1d]**

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic
Ideas	<p>The composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • states an opinion about a topic or text • supports the opinion with reasons • demonstrates awareness of audience and purpose 	<p>The composition does all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • states an opinion about a topic or text <i>(Samuel de Champlain was the most important explorer.)</i> • supports the opinion with reasons <i>(He started the fur trade and brought Frenchmen to America.)</i> 	<p>The composition does not do one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • state an opinion about a topic or text • support the opinion with reasons
Organization	<p>The composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduces a topic and opinion about that topic clearly and in an engaging fashion • creates a logical organizational structure for listing reasons • provides a concluding statement that connects the topic to a big question or the purpose for writing 	<p>The composition does all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduces a topic and opinion about that topic <i>(paragraph 1)</i> • groups related reasons together <i>(paragraphs 2 +3)</i> • provides a concluding statement or section <i>(paragraph 4)</i> 	<p>The composition does not do one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduce a topic and opinion about that topic • group related reasons together • provide a concluding statement or section
Conventions	<p>The composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses linking words and phrases to connect opinions and reasons • uses language to add subtlety through connotative meanings 	<p>The composition uses linking words and phrases to connect opinions and reasons.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(one reason, another reason)</i></p>	<p>The composition does not use linking words and phrases to connect opinions and reasons.</p>