

My Opinion Writing Checklist

Bird of the Year

Name _____

Date _____

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3rd Grade Opinion Writing Rubric

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W.3.1.d Write a conclusion.					
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Water Day Flyer

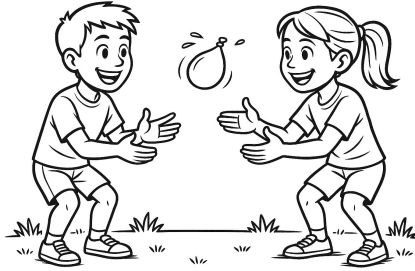
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Water day at the park!

Games

Water balloon toss: With a partner, take turns throwing and catching a water balloon. The game ends when the water balloon explodes and someone gets all wet!



Sponge tag: Get a bunch of sponges wet in a bucket. Try to tag your friends with a wet sponge!

Activities

Sprinkler run: Set up a lawn sprinkler attached to a hose. Everyone can have fun running through the sprinkler and getting all wet!

Park water slide: An inflatable water slide is a great way for everyone to have fun getting wet. Climb up the ladder and slide down into a pool of water.



Stay Cool



Cool drinks: When you're taking a break from playing, you can rest in the shade and enjoy a cold lemonade or juice. This will help you cool off on a hot day.

Avoid the sweat: A hot day can make you sweaty and uncomfortable outside. When you're wet, it's easy to stay cool! A water day will keep you cool so you can enjoy being outside on a hot day.

Water Day

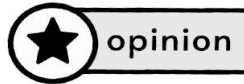
Name _____

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A water day in the park can be a lot of fun! Write your opinion, sharing why you would want to have a park water day in your community.

Directions

- 1) Watch the video.
- 2) Read the Water Day Flyer.
- 3) Make a plan in the space below.



1 reason _____

Q example _____

2 reason _____

Q example _____

Date _____

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Water Day

Name _____

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Date _____

Drawing

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Bird Notes

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Name _____

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V.I.P.

Weaverbird



Lyrebird

How It Looks

How It Looks



I think _____

I think _____

Unique Skill

Unique Skill



I think _____

I think _____

I think the bird of the year winner should be the



Word Bank

Bird of the Year

Name _____

Date _____

Weaverbird



colors: yellow
and black



small



wings



feet



upside down



nest



weave



sphere



knot



grass

Lyrebird



colors: brown,
black, and white



long



tail feathers



stripes



run



sound



copy



camera



zipper



walkie-talkie

I think...



cute
adorable



amazing
impressive



weird
bizarre



It looks like _____
It sounds like _____
It reminds me of _____

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Planning

V.I.P.

Name _____

Date _____



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opinion

1 reason

It looks

2 reason

details

details

Draft (1)

Name _____

Date _____

V.I.P.

Introduction

Hello members of the birding club,

Two reasons why I think this bird should win are _____

1

reason

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Draft (2)

Name _____

Date _____

V.I.P.

2

reason



Conclusion



This bird should win because _____

and _____

Thank you for considering my opinion, and I hope you select
the _____ as the winner!

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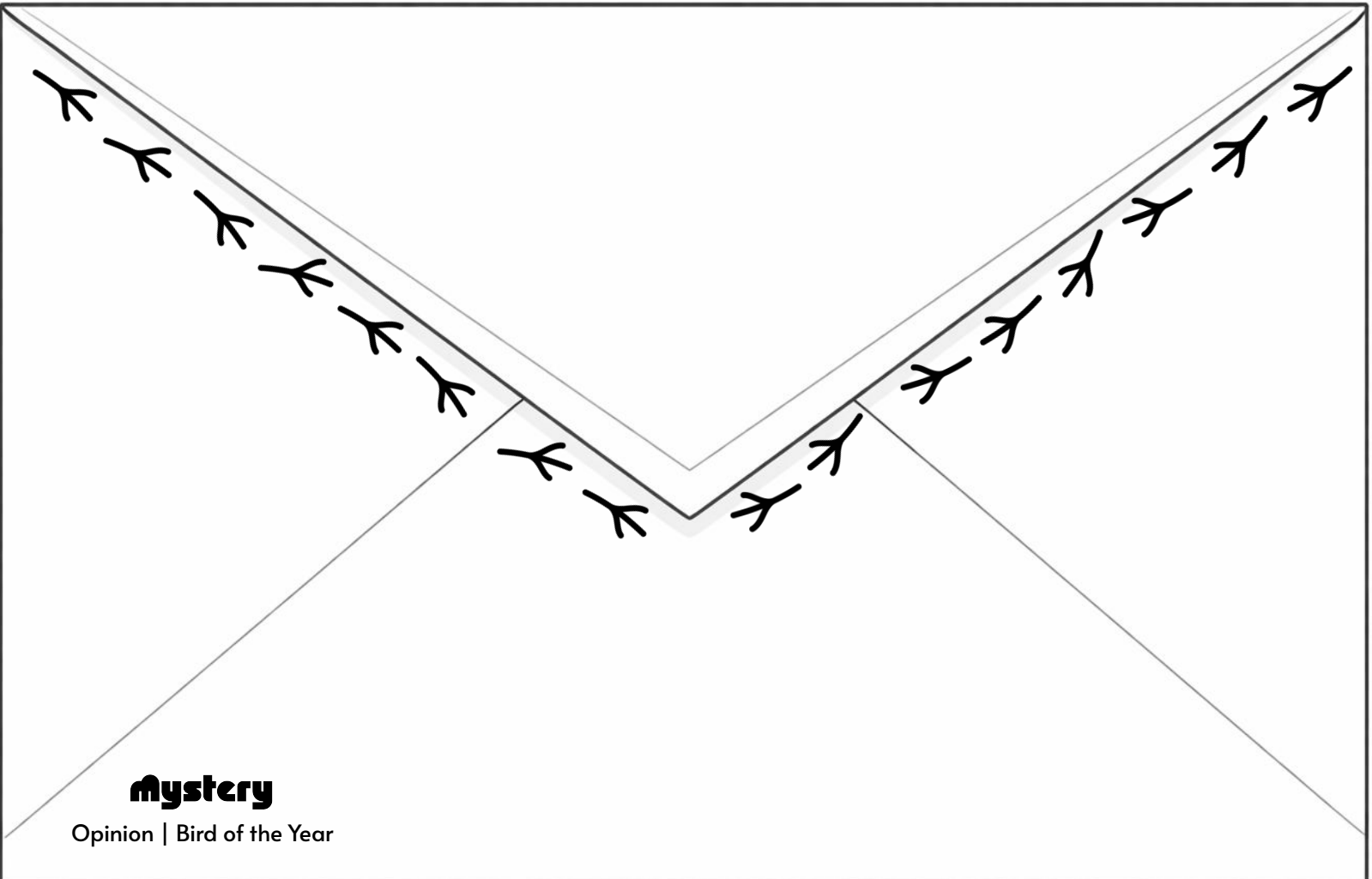


To: Morgan's birding club



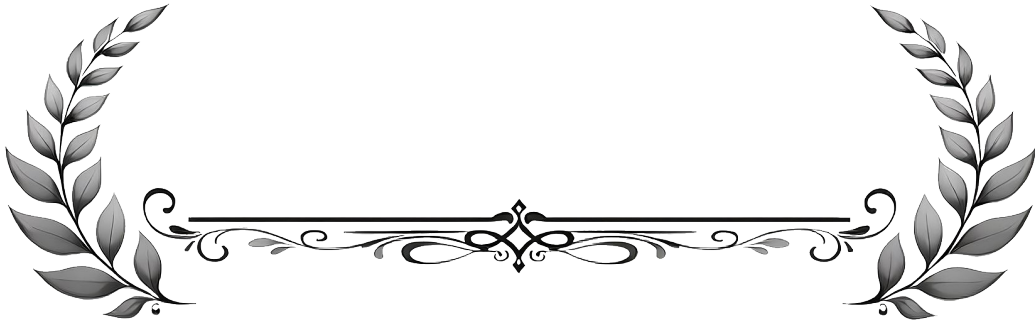
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Date: _____

Final Draft

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Final Draft (2)

Name: _____

Date: _____

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Treehouse Flyer

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Sleepover in a treehouse!

Day

Climb: Climbing around a treehouse can be lots of fun. Every treehouse has a way to get inside. It could be stairs, a ladder, or a ramp. Some treehouses even have slides!



Games: You can play lots of games at a treehouse. Hide-and-seek and card games are great games to play. You can also play make-believe games and pretend to be animals in the forest.

Night

Stories: At night a treehouse is a cozy place to be. You can find a comfortable spot to read a book. If you have friends with you, you can take turns telling stories.

Stargazing: At night you can see lots of stars. The stars are beautiful to see. You can try to find constellations or watch for shooting stars.



Outdoors

Views: From inside the treehouse you will have an amazing view of everything around you. You can look at the trees or watch for birds and other animals. Depending on where your treehouse is, you may be able to see a lake, mountains, or the beach.



Picnic: A treehouse is a great spot to enjoy a picnic. Pack your favorite foods and set up a place to eat. You can have a wonderful lunch high up in the trees.

Treehouse

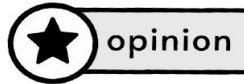
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It can be a lot of fun to spend the night in a treehouse! Write your opinion, sharing why you would want to have a treehouse sleepover.

Directions

- 1) Watch the video.
- 2) Read the Treehouse Flyer.
- 3) Make a plan in the space below.



1 reason _____

Q example _____

2 reason _____

Q example _____

Treehouse

Name _____

Date _____

Directions: Write your opinion to share why you would want to have a sleepover in a treehouse.

In your writing, remember to

- ☐ write an introduction
- ☐ write about one reason with examples
- ☐ write about a second reason with examples
- ☐ use transition words and phrases
- ☐ write a conclusion
- ☐ edit your writing

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