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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## Voice Your Opinion

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Exceeds  
Expectation

3

Meets  
Expectation

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Approaches  
Expectation

1

Not Meeting  
Expectation

### Required Information:

- Completion of Current Event: Voice Your Opinion Form:
  - Title, Source and Date of article given
  - Appropriate topic chosen
  - Choose a **hot** topic (i.e. health care reform) and complete the Voice Your Opinion Form with an explanation of **your** opinion on the topic
  - Opinion includes an introduction paragraph explaining the hot topic and your opinion, a detailed paragraph explaining the topic and why you feel the way you do (citing factual evidence to back up your writing), and a conclusion paragraph

### Your Opinion and Critical Thinking/Analysis:

- Current Event: Voice Your Opinion Form is neat and detailed, easy to read & includes a thoughtful opinion and factual information to support your opinion
- Explanation of article, people and places are well explained and provide sufficient evidence
- Insightfully states position by using original information from the text to support **your** opinion
- Demonstrates critical thinking beyond the given opinion of the original author

### Conventions:

- All explanations have few to no errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, thus demonstrating control of grammar rules and conventions.
- Variety of sentence structures used
- Consistent use of rich vocabulary

Current Event Written Response Grade: \_\_\_\_\_