**5th Grade – UNIT 3**

**Opinion Writing Task**

***Alternative Energy Source***

**TEACHER INFORMATION:**

**Ideas to Share with Students:**

In this unit, we have been practicing writing opinion pieces about what we have read. Specifically you have been asked to respond to what you have read by sharing your opinion (making a claim). Today you will read two articles on the same topic. Each article presents a different point of view. After reading the two articles, you will be **writing an opinion essay** about whether you are for or against using corn for energy (e.g., fuel for cars and heating for homes). Support your opinion (claim) with facts and details from the texts.

**Review Directions in the Student Packet:**

1. **Read Article #1:** *Is Corn the Answer?*

**2. Read Article #2:** *Heating with Corn*

**Overview of the Writing Task:**

**Do you think corn should be used as a source of energy? Why or why not? State your opinion (claim) and provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details from the text.**

**Graphic Organizers:**

**Teachers and/or students may select the graphic organizer of their choice for planning this task. Several examples of graphic organizer planners for opinion, informative/explanatory, and narrative story writing have been uploaded into Rubicon.**