

Writing Rubric

The following characteristics determine how well the writer met the audience's needs and fulfilled the writing purpose.

Score of 5		Score of 4	Score of 3	Score of 2	Score of 1
<p>Score point 5 not only meets all the criteria listed in score point 4, but also goes above and beyond expectations.</p> <p>A "5" is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extraordinary • Exceptional • Remarkable • Rare 	O R G A N I Z A T I O N	<p>The intro is effective and purposeful because it lets the reader know what's coming. All ideas focus on the topic and are linked by smooth transitions. The closing is effective because it wraps up all the ideas.</p>	<p>The introduction lets the reader know what is coming. For the most part, the ideas focus on the topic and are linked by transitions. The closing wraps up the ideas.</p>	<p>An introduction, if one exists, hints at what is coming. Ideas seem to be related to a topic but may be difficult to follow. A closing, if one exists attempts to wrap things up.</p>	<p>An introduction, if one exists, leaves the reader confused about what is coming. The ideas do not seem to focus on any main topic. A closing, if one exists, leaves the reader asking, "Is that it?"</p>
	D E V E L O P M E N T	<p>Specific and relevant details, that are fully elaborated, build understanding and/or hold the reader's attention.</p>	<p>Specific details, with some elaboration, build understanding and/or hold the reader's attention.</p>	<p>Some specific details lead to a general understanding, but others may be irrelevant and/or lack elaboration.</p>	<p>Few, if any, specific details lead to little understanding because the details are irrelevant and/or lack elaboration.</p>
	S E N T E N C E S	<p>Consistently complete sentences, with variety in length and structure, create flow and rhythm.</p>	<p>Most of the sentences are complete, with sufficient variety in length and structure.</p>	<p>Fragments and run-on sentences appear now and then. There is little sentence variety.</p>	<p>Fragments and run-on sentences appear frequently. There is little or no sentence variety.</p>
	W O R D C H O I C E	<p>Precise, vivid, and economical word choice demonstrates the writer's style and voice.</p>	<p>Some precise and vivid words hint at the writer's style.</p>	<p>Word choice is sometimes general, repetitive, and/or vague, which could lead to confusion for the reader.</p>	<p>Word choice is usually general, repetitive, and/or vague, which leads to confusion for the reader.</p>
	C O N V E N T I O N S	<p>Consistently correct punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar add to the meaning and readability of the text. There are few, if any, errors.</p>	<p>Some errors in punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and/or grammar exist and require additional editing.</p>	<p>Several kinds of errors in punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and/or grammar exist and interfere with understanding.</p>	<p>Many serious errors in punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and/or grammar exist and interfere with understanding.</p>