

Five-Point Scoring Rubric

	1 Experimenting	2 Emerging	3 Developing	4 Effective	5 Strong
Ideas the meaning and development of the message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Searching for a topic ● Limited information ● Vague details ● Random thoughts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hints at topic ● Reader left with many unanswered questions ● Sporadic details ● Glimmer of main point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General topic defined ● Reasonably clear ideas ● Details present but not precise ● Shows some specifics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Topic fairly narrowed ● New ways of thinking about topic attempted ● Credible details with some support ● Writer understands topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Narrow and manageable topic ● Clear, focused, and answers readers' questions ● Relevant, accurate details ● Shows insight into topic
Organization the internal structure of the piece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No lead or conclusion ● Sequencing not present ● No awareness of pacing ● Hard to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ineffective lead and conclusion ● Some sequencing apparent ● Pacing awkward ● Some attempt at structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Routine lead and conclusion ● Mainly logical sequencing ● Pacing generally under control ● Common structures detract from content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Effective lead and conclusion ● Sequencing works well ● Well-controlled pacing ● Smooth flow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inviting introduction and satisfying conclusion ● Masterful sequencing ● Artful pacing used for stylistic effect ● Structure showcases the central ideas or theme
Voice the way the writer brings the topic to life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No concern for audience ● Lifeless and mechanical ● Flat or inappropriate ● Purpose not present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Occasionally aware of audience ● General statements require reader interpretation ● Tries to engage reader ● Hints at purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Occasionally intrigues the reader ● Pleasing, yet "safe" ● Writer/reader connection fades in and out ● Purpose inconsistent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interesting and informative ● Pleasing; takes risks ● Engages reader most of the time ● Purpose consistent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compelling and engaging ● Takes effective risks ● Reflects interest in and commitment to topic ● Purpose is clear and powerful
Word Choice the specific vocabulary the writer uses to convey meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vocabulary is limited ● Simple words used incorrectly ● No figurative language ● Words do not convey meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Generally correct words; no spice ● Language is functional ● Attempts interesting words ● Words convey general meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some active verbs and precise nouns ● A moment or two of sparkle ● Experiments with figurative language ● Words begin to enhance meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Effective and creative verbs and nouns ● Wording mostly correct ● Figurative language is effective ● Words and phrases work well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Powerful and engaging words ● Wording is accurate and precise ● Artful use of figurative language ● Words/language create meaningful pictures
Sentence Fluency the way the words and phrases flow throughout the text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choppy, rambling, or incomplete ● No "sentence sense" ● Oral reading not possible ● Repetitive beginnings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some simple sentences ● Occasional connecting word use ● Oral reading difficult ● Attempts variation in sentence beginnings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attempts compound and complex sentences ● Sentences usually connect ● Parts invite oral reading ● Sentences begin in different ways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Begins to have easy flow and rhythm ● Strong and varied structure ● Oral reading encourages expression in places ● Sentences well crafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Polished rhythm, cadence, and flow ● Creative use of sentence length and structure ● Invites expressive reading ● Sentences enhance meaning
Conventions the mechanical correctness of the piece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spelling errors impede readability ● Incorrect punctuation and capitalization ● Many grammar errors ● Lack of paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spelling errors on easy words ● Errors on basic punctuation and capitalization ● Some usage and grammar errors ● Occasional use of paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spelling generally correct on basic words ● Routine punctuation and capitalization ● Grammar errors infrequent ● Consistent paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Few spelling errors even on more difficult words ● Consistent use of punctuation and capitalization ● Grammar and usage correct ● Paragraphing stylistically effective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spelling correct even on more difficult words ● Accurate and creative use of punctuation and capitalization ● Grammar and usage contribute to clarity and style ● Sound and creative paragraphing
Presentation the overall appearance of the work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handwriting unreadable ● Random spacing or lack of spacing ● Poor use of white space ● Overall appearance unacceptable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handwriting poor ● Some thought given to spacing ● Attempts at margins/headers ● Overall appearance is distracting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Handwriting mostly readable but inconsistent ● Attempts consistent spacing ● Margins and headers effective ● Overall appearance is acceptable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legible handwriting ● Spacing improves clarity ● Experiments with graphic elements ● Overall appearance shows balance and proportion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consistent and uniform handwriting ● Good balance of space and text ● Effectively integrates graphic elements ● Overall appearance is pleasing