



Writing Rubric

Teacher Name: English Department

Student Name: _____

| CATEGORY | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| Grammar | Writer makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | Writer makes 1-2 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | Writer makes 3-4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. | Writer makes more than 4 errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content. |
| Punctuation | Writer makes no errors in capitalization or punctuation, so the paper is exceptionally easy to read. | Writer makes 1 or 2 errors in capitalization or punctuation, but the paper is still easy to read. | Writer makes a few errors in capitalization and/or punctuation. | Writer makes several errors in capitalization and/or punctuation that catch the reader's attention and greatly interrupt the flow. |
| Vocabulary | Writer uses vivid words and phrases that linger or draw pictures in the reader's mind | Writer uses vivid words and phrases that linger or draw pictures in the reader's mind. | Writer uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety, punch or flair. | Writer uses a limited vocabulary that does not communicate strongly or capture the reader's interest. |
| Topic | There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main idea stands out and is supported by detailed information. | Main idea is clear but the supporting information is general. | Main idea is somewhat clear but there is a need for more supporting information. | The main idea is not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information. |
| Sequence | Details are placed in a logical order and the way they are presented effectively keeps the interest of the reader. | Details are placed in a logical order, but the way in which they are presented/introduced sometimes makes the writing less interesting. | Some details are not in a logical or expected order, and this distracts the reader. | Many details are not in a logical or expected order. There is little sense that the writing is organized. |
| Deadline | Delivers work in the time established. | Delivers work 1-2 days late. | Delivers work 3-5 days late. | Delivers work 1 week late. |

Total points: 24 = 7.0

Minimum pass score: 14 = 4.0