

# Writing Rubric

	<b>Beginning 1</b>	<b>Emerging 2</b>	<b>Proficient 3</b>	<b>Experienced 4</b>	<b>Exceptional 5</b>
<b>Ideas</b>	I started my writing, but I need to add ideas connected to the topic.	I have a focus, but I need to make my main idea clearer.	I have a generally clear, focused, and accurate main idea, but I need to share creative ideas.	I have a clear, focused, and fully developed main idea, but can share my own thoughts and opinions more creatively.	I have a clear, focused, important, and fully developed main idea, with original thoughts and opinions.
<b>Organization</b>	I have sentences, but I can organize them better so they make more sense.	I have sentences but I need to organize my ideas into a clear paragraph and add transitions.	I have sentences that make sense together, but I need to cover the main ideas clearly in paragraphs with purposeful transitions.	I have a clear purpose throughout my writing and use transitions to connect different ideas, but my writing needs more variety. My ideas are separated into different paragraphs.	I have a clear purpose, satisfying conclusion, and use thoughtful, varied language to keep the reader's attention.
<b>Voice</b>	I have sentences, but I need to express my opinion.	I shared my opinion, but I can express how I feel about the topic better.	I have shown some of my personality and opinions, but I need to add more flavor and hook the reader more.	I use a tone that supports my topic and engages my reader, but my writing needs to explore my perspective more and consider the audience.	I have a strong tone that supports my topic and engages the reader, and I consistently use a variety of techniques to enhance the flavor of my writing.
<b>Word Choice</b>	I have ideas, but I need to make sure I use the right words without repeating.	I have some juicy words, but I can add more juicy words that fit.	I have juicy vocabulary that makes sense, but I can include some figurative language.	I use a variety of vocabulary, but I can choose more specific words and figurative language to create an image in my reader's mind.	I use strong and specific words to create imagery for my reader, but I can add more powerful/varied types of figurative language.
<b>Sentence Fluency</b>	I have complete sentences, but they can be reorganized to help my reader understand them better.	I have sentences that make sense, but I can try using complex and compound sentences.	I have a variety of sentence beginnings, but I can create more variety in my sentence types for more flow and rhythm.	I have sentences with rhythm and my ideas flow well between one and the next, but I could use more complex sentences to move the piece forward.	I have well-structured sentences with strong rhythm and cadence, and I use varied words/phrases to enhance the flow of the overall writing.
<b>Conventions</b>	I have ideas, but I need to add periods and capital letters.	I have sentences and the reader understands some of what I'm saying, but I have some errors that make my writing hard to understand.	My sentences make sense. I have mostly used correct spelling and punctuation, but there are minor errors.	I consistently use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar, but could introduce a variety of punctuation.	My writing is error-free and my choices in punctuation and grammar contribute to the creativity and clarity of the piece.