

Writing Rubric

	Ideas	Organization	Word Choice	Sent. Structure	Mechanics	Editing*
4 Excellent/ Exemplary	Focuses on topic, presents thoughtful ideas and develops them with details	Well organized with a strong beginning, middle, and end	Uses beautiful language often; wide variety of words used; word choices make ideas more clear	Uses complete sentences of varying lengths; sentences begin differently	Very few or no grammar, spelling punctuation, or capitalization errors	Many changes made
3 Good/ Proficient	Mostly focuses on topic and develops it clearly and fairly well with supporting details	Organized with a beginning, middle, and end	Uses beautiful language at times; varies word choice	Most sentences are complete and simple, attempts are made at varying sentence length	Relatively few grammar, spelling, punctuation, or capitalization errors	Some changes made
2 Needs Improvement/ Below Proficient	Strays from topic, presents some important ideas with few supporting details	Attempts to organize with a beginning, middle, and end	Attempts to use beautiful language; little variety or describing words	Some sentences are not complete, little variety	Some grammar, spelling punctuation, or capitalization errors	Few changes made
1 Unsatisfactory/ Considerably Below Proficient	Lacks clear topic and details	Does not have a beginning, middle, or end	Repeats same words often, little attempt at using describing words	No complete sentences	Many grammar, spelling, punctuation, or capitalization errors	No changes made to first draft

*Editor's Note: In this rubric, "Editing" is synonymous with "Revision."