

School - 4th, 5th, 6th Grade Writing Rubric

Ideas _____ (____/____)

Unclear
Hungry for detail
What's the main point?
Confusing

Clear
Rich with detail
Focused
Easy to Understand

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Organization: _____ (____/____)

Where are we headed?
No real lead
Hard to follow
Missing transitions
No real ending

Strong sense of direction
Engaging lead
Logical sequencing
Clear transitions
Powerful ending

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Voice: _____ (____/____)

Where's the human voice?
Flat
Is anyone home?
Audience? What Audience?
Writer sounds bored
Tone not appropriate for topic/audience

Passionate
Energetic
Expressive
Speaks to the audience
Has "flavor"
Tone fits topic/audience

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Word Choice _____ (____/____)

Vague
Cliches
Jargon
Tech words not defined
What does it mean?

Precise
Vivid, original
Natural
Memorable
Easy to understand

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Sentence Fluency _____ (___/___)

Repetitive patterns
Choppy sentences/run-ons
Tough to read aloud
Can't hear the beat

Varied sentence patterns
Long mixed with short
Easy flow
Cadence and rhythm

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Conventions _____ (___/___)

Numerous errors
Tough going
Errors bothersome
Heavy editing lies ahead

Sound mechanics/minimal errors
Easy to process
No serious distractions
Light touch-ups will fix it

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