

Rubric to Assess Student Writing

Student Name: _____ Title of Writing: _____ Date: _____

Domain 1: Ideas _____ out of 40 total points

2 pts	4 pts	6 pts	8 pts	10 pts
Topic announced. Controlling idea not established	Minimally developed controlling idea	Developed controlling idea	Well developed controlling idea	Fully developed controlling idea
Little or no focus on topic, genre, or purpose	Limited focus on topic, genre, and purpose	Generally consistent focus on topic, genre, or purpose	Consistent focus on topic, genre, and/or purpose	Consistent focus on topic, genre, and purpose
Unclear supporting ideas	Supporting ideas are general and/or underdeveloped	Most supporting ideas are developed and relevant	Supporting ideas and elaboration are relevant to topic.	Supporting ideas are fully elaborated throughout entire paper & are relevant to topic
Development is lacking due to brevity of response	Some ideas may be partially developed while others are listed without development	Some parts well developed, while others are partially developed	Most ideas are well developed	Ideas are fully developed throughout the paper

Domain 2: Organization _____ out of 20 total points

1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
Unclear sequence of ideas	Minimal evidence of sequencing	Generally clear sequence of ideas	Logical sequencing of ideas across most of the paper	Logical and appropriate sequencing across the entire paper
Lacks introduction and conclusion	Lacks introduction or conclusion	Introduction is appropriate and conclusion is clear	Introduction sets the stage, and conclusion ends paper without repetition	Introduction engages and conclusion provides a sense of closure
Ideas are not arranged in meaningful order	Unrelated ideas are grouped together	Related ideas are generally grouped together	Related ideas are grouped together	Logical grouping of ideas throughout
Lack of transitions or inappropriate transitions	Limited use of transitions – may be repetitive	Transitions link parts of the paper	Varied transitions link parts of the paper	Uses effective and varied transitions throughout paper

Domain 3: Style _____ out of 20 total points

1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
Language and tone are flat and/or inappropriate	Language and tone are uneven	Language and tone are consistent with writer's purpose	Language and tone are consistent with purpose and appropriate to genre	Carefully crafted phrases or sentences create an engaging tone
Word choice is inaccurate, imprecise, or confusing	Word choice is simple or repetitive	Word choice is generally engaging with occasional simple language	Word choice is precise and engaging	Varied, precise, and engaging language throughout
Little or no attention to audience	Limited awareness of audience	Awareness to audience demonstrated in part of paper	Attention to audience in most of the paper	Sustained attention to the audience throughout
Lack of sentence variety	Little variation in sentence length and structure	Some variation in sentence length and structure	Sentences vary in length and structure	A variety of structures, lengths, and beginnings

Domain 4: Conventions _____ out of 20 total points

1 pt	2 pts	3 pts	4 pts	5 pts
Frequent fragments, run-ons and incorrect sentences	Awkward sentence structure; Punctuation may be missing	Simple sentences correct; Complex sentences with errors	Correct simple and compound sentences	Clear and correct simple, complex, and compound sentences
End punctuation incorrect or lacking	May have frequent errors in usage or mechanics	Generally correct usage with some errors	Correct usage in a variety of instances but not in all elements	Correct usage in a variety of contexts
Frequent errors in usage and mechanics	Minimal control of conventions	Generally correct mechanics with some errors	Correct mechanics in a variety of instances but not in all elements	Correct mechanics in a variety of contexts
Errors may interfere with or obscure meaning	Some errors may interfere with meaning	Few errors interfere with meaning	Errors do not interfere with meaning	Errors do not interfere with meaning

Total of 4 Domains: _____ out of 100 points