

Writing Essay Rubric

Student: _____

Grade: _____

Traits/Score	100 - 90	89 - 80	79 - 70	69 - 60
IDEAS	All on topic with excellent details	Mostly on topic with good details	Some really good parts and some aren't there yet	Off topic with fuzzy details
ORGANIZATION	Easy to read, has a snappy hook, smooth transitions, and an impressive conclusion	Well organized with an interesting hook, good transitions and a clear conclusion	Some really smooth parts are included while others need work	No beginning or ending and difficult to read out loud
VOICE	Very individual and is confident and sincere	Writer's personality is evident with some flavor	A lot of telling and not enough showing	No idea of the writer's personality
WORD CHOICE	Excellent use of energetic verbs, colorful words	Used some strong verbs, a sense of trying out new words	Correct but not striking, words aren't specific	Basic word choice with limited words, not very descriptive
SENTENCE FLUENCY	Sentences are clear and vary in length. Very easy to read aloud	Sentences have varying lengths and are somewhat easy to read aloud	Sentences are usually constructed correctly and some parts are easy to read aloud	Sentences are choppy/difficult to read aloud
CONVENTIONS	Correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization with paragraphs	Only a few errors with an attempt at paragraphing	Simple things are done well with paragraphing attempt	Many errors with no paragraphing

Teacher Initials: _____