

Writing Rubric

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Focus/Ideas	Adheres to the topic, is interesting, has a sense of completeness. Ideas are well developed.	Mostly adheres to the topic, is somewhat interesting, has a sense of completeness. Ideas are adequately developed.	Does not always adhere to the topic, has some sense of completeness. Ideas are superficially developed.	Does not adhere to the topic, has no sense of completeness. Ideas are vague.
Organization	Ideas and details are clearly presented and well organized.	Ideas and details are mostly clear and generally organized.	Ideas and details are not always clear or organized. There is some wordiness or repetition.	Ideas and details are not organized. Wordiness or repetition hinders meaning.
Word Choice	Includes vivid verbs, strong adjectives, specific nouns	Includes some vivid verbs, adjectives, specific nouns.	Includes mostly simple nouns and verbs, and may have a few adjectives.	Includes only simple nouns and verbs, some inaccurate. Writing is not descriptive.
Sentence Fluency	Includes a variety of complete sentences that flow smoothly, naturally.	Includes some variety of mostly complete sentences. Some parts flow smoothly, naturally.	Includes mostly simple sentences, some of which are incomplete.	Sentences do not vary. Incomplete sentences hinder meaning.
Conventions	Shows a strong command of grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation.	Shows a good command of grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation.	Some errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation.	Frequent errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation.

Advanced (ADV) = 18 – 20 points

Proficient (PROF) = 13 – 17 points

Basic (BAS) = 8 – 12 points

Below Basic (BEL) = 7 points and below

Application SCORE: _____/20

Descriptor: _____