

# SAMPLE WRITING ASSESSMENT RUBRIC\*

	Excellent 4	Good 3	Satisfactory 2	Needs Work 1
Topic	Topic is clear and focused	Has a topic	Topic is there somewhere	Seems not to have a topic
Content and Ideas	Ideas and content relate to the topic, make sense, are well-developed and presented interestingly	Ideas and content relate to the topic, and are developed	Ideas and content may relate to topic, but are poorly developed and difficult to understand	Ideas and content do not seem related to the topic and are not understandable
Organization	Writing is organized, easy to follow, and interesting	Writing is organized	Writing is a little difficult to follow	Writing jumps around and is very difficult to follow because it lacks organization
Grammar, punctuation, spelling, and other mechanics	Grammar, spelling, and punctuation help make the work readable	Grammar, spelling, and punctuation are no obstacle to understanding the work	Grammar, spelling, and punctuation cause some problems with understanding the text	Grammar, spelling, and punctuation problems make the text very difficult to understand
Neatness	Work is neat, attractive, and easy to read	Work is neat	Work is sloppy	Work is so sloppy it is hard to read

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