
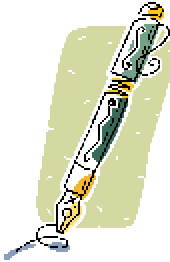





DESCRIPTIVE WRITING RUBRIC

CRITERIA	NOVICE	EMERGING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS 	Must read directions more carefully.	Almost all directions were	Followed directions. - standard heading - 5 paragraphs	Every direction was followed exactly. - double spaced - general plan followed
IDEA DEVELOPMENT & CONTENT 	Need to work on: - details - interesting ideas - clear concepts	Your paper needs more details.	Your idea, reasons, and details are clear.	Wow! Excellent content development. Ideas are clear and grab the reader's attention.
ORGANIZATION OF PAPER 	Loose pieces that don't always fit together.	Some ideas fit together, but paper needs work on following a logical sequence.	Ideas fit together; paper is clear and understandable. Used descriptive words to make paper interesting.	All ideas fit together. incredible details. Organization is evident. Used similes, metaphors, and strong adjectives and vocab.
MECHANICS 	Needs to spend much more time on: - Spelling - Punctuation/Capitals - Grammar - Sentence Structure - Sentence Variety	Okay, but needs to spend more time on: - Spelling - Punctuation /Capitals - Grammar - Sentence Structure - Sentence Variety	Paper has been edited; nearly all errors have been eliminated.	Paper is error free. Used advanced sentence structure, and punctuation.
QUALITY OF PAPER & PROJECT 	Need to spend much more time on neatness and quality.	Okay, but more effort is needed to produce quality work.	Organized and neat. Quality work is shown.	Super organized and neat. Quality and creativity are shown.