

6+1 Trait ® Writing Rubric

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Class: 5th Grade

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	25 points	20 points	15 points
Organization	The organization enhances and showcases the central idea or theme. The order, structure, or presentation of information is compelling and moves the reader through the text.	The organizational structure is strong enough to move the reader through the text without too much confusion.	The writing lacks a clear sense of direction. Ideas, details, or events seem strung together in a loose or random fashion; there is no identifiable internal structure.
Ideas	This paper is clear and focused. It holds the reader's attention. Relevant details and quotes enrich the central theme.	The writer is beginning to define the topic, even though development is still basic or general.	As yet, the paper has no clear sense of purpose or central theme. To extract meaning from the text, the reader must make inferences based on sketchy or missing details.
Word Choice	Words convey the intended message in a precise, interesting, and natural way. The words are powerful and engaging.	The language is functional, even if it lacks much energy. It is easy to figure out the writer's meaning on a general level.	The writer struggles with a limited vocabulary, searching for words to convey meaning.
Conventions	The writer demonstrates a good grasp of standard writing conventions (e.g., spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, paragraphing) and uses conventions effectively to enhance readability. Errors tend to be so few that just minor touchups would get this piece ready to publish.	The writer shows reasonable control over a limited range of standard writing conventions. Conventions are sometimes handled well and enhance readability; at other times, errors are distracting and impair readability.	Errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, usage, and grammar and/or paragraphing repeatedly distract the reader and make the text difficult to read.