

COMPOSITION EVALUATION RUBRIC

WRITING RUBRIC	FOCUS <i>Idea and content</i>	ORGANIZATION <i>The flow of the paper</i>	WORD CHOICE <i>The choice of words used</i>	MECHANICS <i>Grammar, capitalization, spelling, paragraphing</i>	SENTENCE STRUCTURE <i>Sentence type, length, and variations</i>	VOICE <i>The personality of the paper</i>
Excellent	Strong sense of focus: - Original ideas - Shows insight - Reasonably clear	Flows logically and smoothly from beginning to end: - Thoughtful transitions - Compelling presentation - Whole writing supports main focus	Vivid, supportive details which move reader through the piece: - Words are correct and advanced for level - Vocabulary is 100% control of the writer	Error free: - Excellent grasp of writing mechanics - Usage and grammar correct - Writing is complex	Variety in sentence structure and sentence beginnings: - Purposeful sentence beginnings - Sentences vary in length and structure - Sentences are well built	Characterized by a distinctive and compelling voice: - Individualistic - Expressive
Good	Clear sense of focus: - Easy to see where headed - Blend original with predictable reasonably clear ideas	Flows reasonably well from beginning to end: - Sequence is logical - Transitions usually work well - Usually supports main point	Clear, supportive details: - Words are correct and adequate for level - Uses active verbs - Few words used out of control	Generally free of mechanical errors: - Most grammar and usage correct - Punctuation usually accurate - Minor corrections needed	Variety in sentence structure: - Sentences work together - Some variation in sentence length and structure - Beginnings not all alike	Characterized by an emerging, natural voice: - Pleasing - Honest, appealing - Tone appropriate for purpose
Fair	Limited focus: - Some repetition - Has begun to define topic	Confusing or difficult to follow: - Confusing connections - Hard to follow	Includes trite, ordinary details: - Some words used incorrectly - Some loss of control with vocabulary - Vocabulary appropriate for level but	Some mechanical errors which do not detract from content: - Usage problems will distort meaning but readable to a sympathetic reader - Punctuation usually	Simple and compound sentences: - Some variations in sentence types - Generally short sentences - Paper is readable	Characterized by sincerity but has little personality: - Pleasant - General ideas - Aware of audience