

Writing Rubric

NOTE: The following categories list the major criteria that are looked for when grading a piece of writing. Each area is worth 25 percent.

I. IDEAS

- *Main theme/thesis
- *Supporting facts (reasonable)
- *Strong conclusion

III. STYLE/WORD CHOICE

- *Creativity
- *Risk taking
- *Appropriate use of literary techniques (based upon assignment)
- *Varied/unique words
- *Avoid repetition

II. ORGANIZATION/FLUENCY

- *Legibility
- *Logic/unity
- *Staying on task
- *Follow through
- *Supporting facts
- *Consistent control
- *Clear transitions
- *Varied types of sentences
- *Rhythmic flow

IV. CONVENTIONS

- *Basic mastery of mechanical skills (capitalization, usage, punctuation, spelling, sentence formation)
- *Paragraphing