

Grade 4-8 MEA Writing Scoring Rubric

Content

1	2	3	4	5	6
Little topic development, and/or organization, few details.	Limited topic development, focus, and/or details.	Moderate topic development, focus, and/or details.	Well developed with control and relevant details.	Fully developed with control and strong details	Topic and details richly developed
Possible evidence of voice.	Evidence of voice.	Some voice.	Consistent voice.	Sustained voice and/or tone with emerging style	Distinctive voice, tone and style
Simplistic language (wording and sentence structure).	Limited variety in language used (wording and sentence structure).	Some variety in language used (wording and sentence structure).	Variety in language used (wording and sentence structure).	Effective use of language	Rich use of language
Topic Development			The overall effect of the paper.		
Organization			The degree to which the response is focused, clearly and logically ordered, clarified by paragraphs.		
Details			The degree to which the response includes examples that develop the main points.		
Language/Style			The degree to which manipulation of language, including vocabulary, word choice, word combination, and sentence variety is effective.		

Mechanics

1	2	3	4
Errors seriously interfere with communication and/or little control of sentence structure, grammar and usage, and mechanics in first draft writing	Errors interfere somewhat with communication and/or few or no errors in simplistic or limited text in first draft writing	Errors do not interfere with communication and/or Few errors relative to length of essay or complexity of sentence structure, grammar and usage, and mechanics in first draft writing	Control of a variety of sentence structures, grammar and usage, and mechanics, length and complexity of essay provide opportunity for student to show control of Standard English Conventions in first draft writing.
Sentences		The degree to which the response includes sentences that are correct in structure.	
Grammar and Usage		The degree to which the response demonstrates correct use of standard grammatical rules of English, word usage and vocabulary.	
Mechanics		The degree to which the response demonstrates correct punctuation, capitalization, spelling.	