**Writing Rubric**

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| **Name:** |   | **Title:** |  |



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|  | **Structure** |
| * The writing contains a beginning, a middle, and an ending.
* The beginning contains a strong lead sentence and names the focus or thesis.
* The middle paragraphs support the focus.
* The ending restates the focus and gives an important final thought.
* The writing follows one main pattern of organization.
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|  | **Ideas** |
| * The writing has an interesting topic, a clear focus or thesis, and strong support.
* The writing uses specific words and varied, smooth reading sentences.
* The words and sentences match the writer’s purpose and assignment.
* The language sounds sincere and natural.
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|  | **Conventions** |
| * The writing follows the basic rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
* Words are capitalized correctly.
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**Comments:**

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