

5TH GRADE WRITING RUBRIC

Title of Writing: _____ Grade: _____ / 45

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	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Below Expectations
Writes Complete Paragraphs	Writes cohesive paragraphs with topic sentences and introduction and conclusion	Writes paragraphs with some cohesion	No topic discerned in each paragraph.	No central idea or theme
Organization	Paragraphs have logical order and progress from one point to the next.	A single theme is present in each paragraph.	Ideas are on the same subject but disorganized.	No organization of ideas
Punctuation	Uses beginning and end punctuation as well as contractions and proper nouns correctly	Makes a few errors in punctuation	Many sentences have punctuation errors. Some mistakes made frequently.	Half or more of sentences are incorrectly punctuated.
Spelling	No spelling errors	Few difficult words misspelled	Several spelling errors in each paragraph	Many misspelled words
Legible	Neat and legible	Some stray marks and cross overs	Difficult to read	Illegible
Word Choice	Uses interesting words and phrases in every paragraph	Contains some descriptive words	Usually uses general words with few descriptive phrases or details	Simple words are used with minimal vocabulary.
Sentence Structure	Uses a variety of simple, complex, and compound sentences	Uses a few complex or compound sentence	Repeats the same type of sentence or type of subject frequently	Uses only simple sentences
Voice	Gets the reader's attention and holds it	Shows some personal interest in the topic	Writing is mechanical without interest for writer or reader.	
Evidence/Support	Supports statements with evidence & source	Provides evidence without source	Refers to evidence or to outside source	Only uses opinions without source