

8th Grade / Writing Rubric

	ORGANIZATION	DEVELOPMENT	SENTENCE STRUCTURE	WORD CHOICE/ GRAMMAR	MECHANICS
5	Effective Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logical progression of ideas Clear beginning, middle and end Introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph Sufficient use of transition 	Effective Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic sentence Clear use of examples, evidence or relevant details 	Effective Sentence Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and correct Clear evidence of sentence variety: (types/length) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple and compound 	Effective Word Choice/Grammar Usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific, precise Mostly consistent grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage 	Effective Mechanics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling
4	Adequate Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of a logical progression of ideas Beginning, middle and end Introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph Some use of transition 	Adequate Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic sentence Sufficient use of examples, evidence or relevant details 	Adequate Sentence Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor errors in structure Some evidence of sentence variety: (types/length) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple and compound 	Adequate Word Choice/Grammar Usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate, somewhat simplistic Somewhat consistent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage 	Adequate Mechanics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling Needs editing but doesn't
3	Limited Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited evidence of a logical progression of ideas Beginning, middle and/or end Introductory paragraph, concluding paragraph and limited supporting paragraphs Limited use of transition 	Limited Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempted topic sentence Some use of examples, evidence or supporting details 	Limited Sentence Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors in sentence structure Limited evidence of sentence variety: (types/length) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple sentences; limited use of compound 	Limited Word Choice/Grammar Usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate, repetitive, simplistic Several inconsistencies in grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage 	Limited Mechanics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization ➢ Spelling Begins to impede readability
2	Minimal Organization/Minimal Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks evidence of a logical progression of ideas Lacks a beginning, middle and/or end Lacks introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs 	Minimal Development/Minimal Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poorly stated topic sentence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks sufficient examples, evidence or supporting details 	Minimal Sentence Structure/Minimal Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains fragments and/or run-ons Minimal evidence of sentence variety: (types/length) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Simple sentences; minimal use 	Minimal Word Choice/Grammar Usage/Minimal Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate, incorrect Frequent inconsistencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Subject/verb agreement ➢ Singular/plural nouns ➢ Verb (tense and usage) ➢ Pronoun usage 	Minimal Mechanics/Minimal Response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Punctuation ➢ Capitalization