



Middle Grades Writing Assessment

WRITER _____ EVALUATOR _____

Circle one comment and corresponding number in each row that best tells how you respond to that trait of writing in a draft of a fellow writer. Multiply the circled number by the point value listed at the end of the row, and place the product in the margin at the right. For the total raw score, add the numbers in the right-hand margin. Convert the total raw score, using page E-17. Comments on this form are a guide. Change any comments to represent your evaluation more accurately.

Content

1	2	3	4	5	x 4 pts =
Think again. Pick a main idea and explain it with ideas related to each other and the main idea.		Fairly complete presentation of the topic. Your ideas need to be better developed.		Ideas are clearly and fully written. Main idea is explained through related ideas.	

Organization

1	2	3	4	5	x 4 pts =
Little sequence of ideas. Writing does not flow. Plan an order before you write.		Paper is organized, but movement from part to part is not always smooth.		Good sequence of ideas. Smooth flow from idea to idea.	

Style

1	2	3	4	5	x 5 pts =
Writing is lifeless and hard to read. Write the way you think. Vary your sentence patterns.		Good sentence variety, but your writing lacks personal energy and freshness.		Very easy to read. I like your thoughts. I hear a personal writing voice.	

Sentence Formation

1	2	3	4	5	x 3 pts =
You overuse simple and compound sentences. Go over your writing for run-ons and fragments.		You use simple, compound, and complex sentences, but some are awkwardly worded.		Beyond simple, compound, and complex sentences, you use verbal phrases quite fluently.	

Usage

1	2	3	4	5	x 2 pts =
Non-standard pronouns, nouns, and verbs appear throughout your paper.		You show adequate command of standard written English with occasional slips.		Almost perfect use of standard written English in meaning and sense.	

Mechanics

1	2	3	4	5	x 2 pts =
Mistakes in spelling, punctuation, capitalization or margins make your paper hard to read and understand.		You did not catch all of the little mistakes in spelling, punctuation, capitalization and margins.		Effective use of spelling, punctuation, capitalization and margins.	

Translated Score

Total Raw Score

