

	5 (Exemplary)	4 (Good)	3 (Proficient)	2 (Developing)	1 (Emerging)
Ideas and Content	<p>Focuses on a specific event or experience in a detailed, eloquent way</p> <p>Presents an engaging picture of the action and people involved</p> <p>Contains specific details that engage the reader</p> <p>Makes readers want to know more about the topic</p>	<p>Focuses on a specific event or experience in a clear way</p> <p>Presents a solid picture of the action and people involved</p> <p>Contains specific details</p> <p>Makes readers want to know more</p>	<p>Focuses on a specific event or experience that is clear, for the most part</p> <p>Presents a picture of the action and people involved</p> <p>Contains some details</p> <p>Makes readers want to know more</p>	<p>At times loses focus of a specific event or experience</p> <p>Presents a somewhat clear picture of the action and people involved</p> <p>Contains few specific details</p>	<p>Missing focus on an event or experience; confusing to follow</p> <p>Unclear who is involved and the actions of the story</p> <p>Uses vague details</p>
Organization	<p>Includes a clear beginning that pulls readers into the essay using an interesting hook</p> <p>Presents ideas in an organized and intricate manner</p> <p>Uses transitions to link sentences and paragraphs</p> <p>Flows smoothly from one idea to the next</p>	<p>Includes a clear beginning that pulls readers into the essay</p> <p>Presents ideas in an organized manner</p> <p>Uses transitions to link sentences and paragraphs</p> <p>Flows from one idea to the next</p>	<p>Includes a clear beginning</p> <p>Presents ideas in chronological order with some organization</p> <p>Uses some transitions to link sentences and paragraphs</p> <p>Moves from one idea to the next in an organized way</p>	<p>Includes a clear beginning that pulls readers into the essay</p> <p>Presents ideas in an unclear way</p> <p>Uses few transitions to link sentences and paragraphs</p> <p>Little flow</p>	<p>Unclear on the events or order of the story</p> <p>The ideas are confusing and hard to follow</p> <p>Transitions between ideas are missing</p> <p>The ideas seem disconnected at times</p> <p>Little to no flow</p>
Voice and word choice	<p>Speaks knowledgeably and/or enthusiastically in an engaging way</p> <p>Shows that the writer is truly interested in the subject through word choice and personal voice</p> <p>Contains specific nouns, vivid verbs, and colorful modifiers</p> <p>Uses 5 or more literary techniques throughout the piece</p>	<p>Speaks knowledgeably and/or enthusiastically</p> <p>Shows that the writer is truly interested in the subject</p> <p>Contains specific nouns, verbs, and modifiers</p> <p>Uses 3-5 literary techniques</p>	<p>Creates a story using word choice and voice</p> <p>Shows that the writer is involved in the events</p> <p>Contains some specific nouns, verbs, and modifiers</p> <p>Uses a 1-2 literary techniques</p>	<p>Unclear wording</p> <p>The writer has little to no connection to the story</p> <p>Few literary techniques are used</p> <p>Few interesting nouns, verbs and modifiers used</p>	<p>General and overused words do not create a clear picture of the story</p> <p>The writer has no connection to the story</p> <p>No interesting nouns, verbs and modifiers used</p> <p>No literary techniques are used</p>

Grammar	<p>A variety of sentence structures and lengths used</p> <p>Correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization throughout the text</p> <p>A variety of word choice and usage throughout the text</p> <p>MLA formatting</p>	<p>Different sentence structures and lengths used</p> <p>Correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization</p> <p>Different word choice and usage throughout the text</p> <p>MLA formatting</p>	<p>A few different sentence structures and lengths used</p> <p>Correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, with very few mistakes</p> <p>Some variation in word choice and usage throughout the text</p> <p>MLA formatting</p>	<p>Little variety in sentence structures and length</p> <p>Spelling, punctuation and capitalization errors occur multiple times throughout the text</p> <p>Little to no variation in word choice and usage throughout the text</p> <p>Little to no MLA formatting</p>	<p>No variety of sentence structures and lengths used</p> <p>Incorrect spelling, punctuation, capitalization frequently throughout the text</p> <p>No variation in word choice and usage throughout the text</p> <p>No MLA formatting</p>
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