

CATEGORY	4 Exceeds Standards	3 Meets Standards	2 Below Standards	1 Well Below Standards
Ideas & Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writer knows topic really well • Early Life, Significant Events, Contributions, Character Traits, Introduction & Conclusion all included. • Many interesting details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Life, Significant Events, Contributions, Character Traits, Introduction & Conclusion all included. • Writer knows the topic. • Most details are relevant & are interesting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Life, Significant Events, Contributions, Character Traits, Introduction & Conclusion are either incomplete or insufficient • Writer doesn't know enough about the topic • Needs more details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Life, Significant Events, Contributions, Character Traits, Introduction & Conclusion are incomplete or unacceptable • Writer doesn't know topic • Details lacking • Ideas missing or don't make sense

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Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carefully organized with varied transitions • Lead grabs reader's attention • Conclusion works well • Details & paragraphs are in right order • Bibliography/Works Cited is included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has some transitions • Most parts of paper fit together. • Most details & paragraphs are in right order • Bibliography/Works Cited is included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few transitions used • Too many details are out of order • Bibliography/Works Cited is incomplete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs and/or transitions missing • Too many details are out of order • Bibliography/Works Cited is missing
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Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writer's personality comes through in a creative way • Writer's voice is lively & confident 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the time the writer's voice & personality show up in the writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes the writer's voice comes through • Writing does not draw the reader in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing is flat • Writer's voice does not come through at all
Word Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a variety of strong words • Words create vivid pictures in reader's mind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing has some strong words • Some words create pictures in the reader's mind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too many dull, ordinary words • Some words just don't fit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words don't show the writer's meaning • Reader is confused by the writer's choice of words
Sentence Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has creative sentences of different kinds & lengths • Sentences flow, making the writing enjoyable to read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentences are different lengths • Sentences have varied beginnings • Sentences fit together well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentences are too short or too long • Same beginnings used over and over • Reader is confused & has to re-read for meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough complete sentences • Writing does not make sense
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has FEW or NO errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar • Writing is easy to read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has FEW errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar • Sounds correct when read aloud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too many errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar make the writing difficult to read • Editing needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar mistakes make the writing impossible to read & understanding. • Major editing needed