

Grade 3 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) and includes a character with relevant descriptive statements. The response provides a conclusion.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation (activity and setting) <input type="checkbox"/> two descriptions related to a character <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that connects to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation (activity or setting) <input type="checkbox"/> one description related to a character <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that may not connect to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, details or descriptive words related to a character, situation, or conclusion.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The narrative includes a sequence of events that unfold naturally and develops the story using temporal words.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two sequenced events related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> both events include a detail <input type="checkbox"/> appropriate use of temporal words that signal order of events 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one event related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> an event that includes a detail <input type="checkbox"/> one temporal word that may or may not be used appropriately 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one simple sentence that contains subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization to begin one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one simple sentence with or without subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

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Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) and includes a character with relevant descriptive statements. The response provides a conclusion.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation (activity and setting) <input type="checkbox"/> a concluding statement that connects to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation (activity or setting) <input type="checkbox"/> a concluding statement that may not connect to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, situation or conclusion.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The narrative includes a sequence of events that unfold naturally and develops the story using temporal words.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a sequence of two events related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> both events include a detail 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one event that related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> an event that includes a detail 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one simple sentence with subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one simple sentence with or without subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 4 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) and includes a character. The response provides a conclusion.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation (activity and setting) <input type="checkbox"/> description of character and situation (activity or setting) <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that connects to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation (activity or setting) <input type="checkbox"/> description of the character or the situation (activity or setting) <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that may not connect to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, details or descriptive words related to a character, situation, or conclusion.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The narrative includes a description of events using concrete words or sensory details (e.g., how things look, sound, taste, smell or feel) related to the events.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two events related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> both events include a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one event related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> one event includes a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (e.g., subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization to begin one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> punctuation to end one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

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Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p>Organization – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity or setting) and includes a character. The response provides a conclusion.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation <input type="checkbox"/> a concluding statement that connects to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> character and situation <input type="checkbox"/> a concluding statement that may not connect to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, situation, or conclusion.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p>Idea Development – The narrative includes a description of events using concrete words or sensory details (e.g., adverbs, adjectives, clause, or prepositional phrase) related to the events.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two events related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> both events include a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one event related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> one event includes a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p>Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (e.g., subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation to end more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation to end one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject-verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 5 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) for the story and includes characters. The response provides a conclusion.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two characters unchanged through narrative <input type="checkbox"/> description of the situation (i.e., activity and setting) <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that connects to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two characters <input type="checkbox"/> a description of the setting or the activity <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that may not connect to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character or conclusion.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The narrative includes dialogue, and events supported with relevant details and descriptive statements.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two sequenced events related to the situation <input type="checkbox"/> both events include a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation <input type="checkbox"/> represents one relevant conversation between two characters 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one event <input type="checkbox"/> one event includes a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation <input type="checkbox"/> a relevant piece of dialogue showing what one character said to the other 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The narrative includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization to begin one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

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Tier 2

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The narrative establishes a situation (i.e., activity and setting) for the story and includes characters. The response provides a conclusion.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two characters unchanged through narrative <input type="checkbox"/> establish a situation (i.e., activity and setting) <input type="checkbox"/> a concluding statement that connects to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two characters <input type="checkbox"/> a setting or activity <input type="checkbox"/> a concluding statement that may not connect to the situation 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum some evidence related to a character, situation, or conclusion.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The narrative includes dialogue, and events supported with relevant details and descriptive statements.</p>	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two events that connect to the narrative <input type="checkbox"/> both events include a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation <input type="checkbox"/> one dialogue statement from one character to the other character relevant to the narrative 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one event related to characters’ action/response to a situation <input type="checkbox"/> one event includes a detail related to character’s action or response to a situation <input type="checkbox"/> one dialogue statement from one character to the other character which may not be relevant to the narrative 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum an event related to the situation.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The narrative includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement 	<p>The narrative includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>



Grade 6 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized to describe two opposing conditions (e.g., compare/contrast).</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that presents the two opposing conditions <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ one activity common to both conditions ○ one activity related to each of the two opposing conditions <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the two opposing conditions 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that presents the topic <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ one activity common to both conditions ○ one activity related to one of the two opposing conditions <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the topic 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, compare/contrast relationship, or conclusion).</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The essay develops a topic, includes relevant facts and details, to promote meaning and create clarity.</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one activity related to both conditions with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> one activity related to each of the two opposing conditions, each with relevant details 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two activities with relevant details 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum an activity or a detail that describes an activity.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization to begin one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 6 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 2

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized to describe two opposing conditions (e.g., compare/contrast).</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states the essay is about two opposing conditions <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one activity for each of the two opposing conditions; and <input type="checkbox"/> one activity common to both conditions <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states two opposing conditions or summarizes the content 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states one activity or topic <input type="checkbox"/> a body that relates two conditions with activities <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states an activity or the topic 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, compare/contrast relationship, or conclusion).</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The essay develops a topic, includes relevant facts and details to promote meaning and create clarity.</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> three activities, each with relevant details (the same detail may be used for all activities if relevant to each) 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one activity with a relevant detail 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum a detail that describes an activity.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 7 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized with an effect related directly to a cause (e.g., cause/effect).</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that presents the cause and its effects <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes two effects and refers them to the cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the essay is about a cause and its effects 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that presents a topic <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes one effect and refers it to the cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the topic 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, on-topic cause/effect relationship, or conclusion).</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The essay develops a topic, includes details and transitional words to promote meaning and create clarity.</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two effects, each with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> transitional words to connect the cause to each of the two effects 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one effect with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> transitional word to connect one cause and effect relationship 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum a detail that describes the cause or effect or a transition word.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization to begin one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 7 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 2

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized with an effect related directly to a cause (e.g., cause/effect).</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> introduction that states the topic/cause <input type="checkbox"/> a body that relates the effect to the provided cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the essay is about a cause and its effect 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> introduction that states the topic/cause <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes an effect that may not relate to the provided cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states a cause or the effect 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, cause/effect relationship, or conclusion)</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The essay develops a topic, includes details to promote meaning and create clarity.</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a relevant detail to describe the effect 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one effect with no relevant detail 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum a related idea to the effect.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 8 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<p><u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses the specified topic and is organized with a solution related directly to the problem (e.g., problem/solution).</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states both parts of the problem <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes a solution and refers to the problem <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the essay is about the problem and its solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states one part of the problem <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes a related solution <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the problem or the solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, on-topic problem/solution relationship, or conclusion).</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Idea Development</u> – The essay develops a topic, includes details and transitional words to promote meaning and create clarity.</p>	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a problem with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> a solution with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> a transitional word(s) that connects the problem to the solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a problem or solution with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> a transitional word(s) that is in relation to the problem or the solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum a detail or word that describes the problem or the solution.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<p><u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject/verb agreement).</p>	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization to begin one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 8 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 2

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses the specified topic and is organized with a solution related directly to the problem (e.g., problem/solution).	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states both parts of the problem <input type="checkbox"/> a body that relates how the solution can be applied to the problem <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the problem and the solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states the problem <input type="checkbox"/> one solution that may not relate to the problem <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the problem or the solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, on-topic problem/solution relationship, or conclusion).</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<u>Idea Development</u> – The essay develops a topic, includes details to promote meaning and create clarity.	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a relevant detail to describe the problem <input type="checkbox"/> a relevant detail to describe the solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a relevant detail to describe the problem or the solution 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum a detail or word that describes the problem or the solution.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject/verb agreement).	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

Grade 11 Writing Scoring Rubric

Tier 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence	Partial Evidence	Limited Evidence	Unrelated Evidence
<u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses a specified claim supported with organized complex ideas.	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states the claim supported by two rational reasons <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes two reasons related to the claim <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the claim supported by two rational reasons 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states the claim <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes one reason related to the claim <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the claim with a rational reason or relevant evidence 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum some evidence related to the specified claim/topic (i.e., introduction, claim/topic, or conclusion).</p>	<p>There is no evidence of organization or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<u>Idea Development</u> – The defended claim includes relevant evidence, and uses words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationship among claim, reasons and evidence.	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one piece of relevant evidence follows each of the two provided reasons <input type="checkbox"/> words or phrases that connects each of the two reasons with relevant evidence 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a body with one reason and one piece of relevant evidence <input type="checkbox"/> word or phrase that connects one reason with a piece of relevant evidence 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum a word related to the reason or a connecting word/phrase.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization to begin one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>

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Tier 2

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<u>Idea Development</u> – The defended claim includes relevant evidence, and uses words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationship among claim, reasons and evidence	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> the body includes two relevant facts or examples <input type="checkbox"/> words or phrases to connect the reason with one relevant facts or example 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> the body includes only one relevant fact or example <input type="checkbox"/> word or phrases to connect the reason with one fact or example 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum a word related to the reason.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of idea development or the evidence is off topic.</p>
<u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (subject-verb agreement).	<p>The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject/verb agreement using student-generated text 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject/verb agreement using student-generated text 	<p>The essay includes at a minimum one use of Standard English conventions.</p>	<p>There is no evidence of Standard English conventions.</p>