

WRITING RUBRIC



CATEGORY	YOU'VE GOT IT!	PRETTY CLOSE	NEARLY THERE	NOT YET!
Introduction	Lead is a "grabber" that creatively gets the attention of the reader.	Lead is a "grabber."	Beginning was confusing rather than catchy.	No attempt was made to catch the reader's attention.
Organization	Well organized. Ideas follow each other logically with clear transitions.	Pretty well organized. One or two ideas out of place. Most transitions are clear.	The story is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes not clear.	Ideas seem to be randomly arranged. Transitions are missing or weak.
Story Focus	The entire story is related to the topic and lets the reader share the emotions of the event.	Most of the story is related to topic. The reader learns about the event, rather than sharing it.	Some of the story is related to topic, but a reader does not know much about the event.	Story fails to adequately report the event.
Content	Every sentence contains a fact or a direct quote that adds opinion or emotion to the story.	Almost every sentence contains a fact. Almost all quotes add opinion or emotion to the story.	Some sentences contain facts or quotes. Some quotes add opinion or emotion to the story.	Too many sentences are empty, containing no facts or quotes.
Closing	Closing is creative, easy to understand and logical. No loose ends.	Closing is easy to understand and is somewhat logical.	The reader is left with little closure.	The reader is left hanging.
Spelling and Punctuation	No spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft. Style book has been used consistently.	One spelling and/or punctuation error in the final draft. Style book has been used.	Over two spelling and/or punctuation errors. Inconsistent use of style book.	Over three spelling and/or punctuation errors. No evidence of style book use.

