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Writing Rubric

	1 Beginning	2 Working Towards Expectations	3 Meeting Expectations	4 Exceeding Expectations
Neatness	Many words are unreadable OR there are several distracting corrections.	The writing is generally readable, but the reader has to exert quite a bit of effort to figure out some of the words.	Paper is neatly written or typed with 1 or 2 distracting corrections (e.g., dark cross-outs; bumpy white-outs; words written over).	Paper is neatly written or types with no distracting corrections.
Sentence Fluency	Writing is difficult to follow with run-on, or choppy sentences. Sentences begin with same word.	Writing is sometimes easy to read. Some run-on or choppy sentences. Many sentences begin the same.	Writing is easy to read. A few run-on or choppy sentences. Some sentences begin differently, with very little repetition.	Writing is smooth and very easy to read. Many sentences begin differently.
Conventions	Many spelling and punctuation errors make writing hard to read and understand. Word by word editing is required	Errors in spelling and punctuation impair readability. Line by line editing is required.	Minor errors in spelling and punctuation do not impair meaning. Some editing is needed.	Very few spelling or punctuation errors. This paper is ready to publish.