

Essay Author: _____ Hour: _____

Accepted: _____ Rejected: _____

Six writing traits on which to focus:

- ***Ideas, Content, Theme, Thesis***: This is what it's all about--What do I have to say that will interest readers? Is my main purpose clear? What kinds of detail should I include?

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- ***Organization***: How can I best communicate my ideas? What method or guideline shall I follow? How do I use the method without sacrificing originality?

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- ***Voice***: Does the real *me* come through? Do I sound enthusiastic and interested in my message? Am I the only one who would write this quite this way or do I sound like a generic essay generator?

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- **Word Choice:** What words best express precisely what I want to say? Are my verbs chosen carefully? Which words tend to show rather than tell?

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- **Sentence Fluency and Variety:** Do my sentences have a natural rhythm and flow? Are they free of awkward phrasing and constructions? Do they move smoothly together rather than stand alone? Do I pay attention to parallel structure, appositives, etc.?

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- **Conventions and Mechanical Correctness:** Did I copy edit carefully, paying attention to spelling, punctuation, usage, grammatical constructions, and paragraphing? Will problems in any of these areas cause difficulties for my readers?

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- **Overall Unity and Effectiveness:** Did it work?

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TOTAL: _____/80