

WRITING SCORING GUIDE

Author: **Name**

Title: **The Time I Went Camping**

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Feature	Score	Bright Spots 	Work on 
Ideas <i>Details and information</i> The writing is... • clear, focused and interesting • explained with plenty of details and examples • just the right length to tell the ideas • not missing details and not too short	4	Your scenes have a good mix of details that makes reading your story fun! Good talking in all scenes. Nice visual details to show the people, cabins, water. Good action to show how you spent time.	Try to add a few more visual details when the settings change. For example, you described the cabins and said they were in a grassy land, but the only way I know you were in Ionia is from the title. Mention the name of the place in the story, too. Same for the lake--what's the name?
Organization <i>Beginning, middle and end. Everything in the right spot</i> The writing has... • A clear and interesting beginning, middle and end • details in the right spots • smooth transitions and the correct speed • no details out of place, not too fast • a clear point	3	Good work mostly focusing on your trip, and not car rides or what you did at home. Good action and talking lead to start the story. Nice work using section breaks to move the story to the next interesting event.	Some transitions are a little jerky and sudden. For example, when you arrived and were sitting on the porch, you heard a large fish jump and your dad was surprised. The next sentence, you got up got get a book and start reading. Seems like you would have said something about the fish first. Also, the ending was a little fast. You mention canoeing but didn't actually show the canoeing, and your ending was about unpacking.
Style and Voice <i>Interesting, fresh words and sentences.</i> The writer... • speaks with a personal style that is interesting • uses words in a precise, interesting, natural, fresh and exciting way • builds interesting sentences that aren't all the same and flow together	4	Great style! I liked how you wrote in present tense to make the reader feel like they are there. Very good talking details with interesting word choices and speaker tags. Your scenes are well balanced with lots of details.	Adding the names of places, campgrounds, lakes, streets would make the story sound more realistic.
Conventions <i>Spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, word use, paragraphs</i> The writer has... • a good grasp of conventions that make the writing very readable • made only a few errors	3	Good work editing for capitals, periods, sentence sense, dialogue, paragraphs.	Try to edit more for paragraphs. The first two paged are paragraphed well, but the last page is mostly missing paragraphs. Maybe you needed a little more time to edit that last page.

Scoring Key: 5 - Advanced, 4 - Strong, 3 - Effective, 2 - Progressing, 1 - Developing

Writing Score	Writing Process	
3.5		Good prewriting; good work drafting on time; spend more time revising and editing after your draft is finished.

