

Writing Rubrics: Grade 7

Note: In your Amplify classes, you will be practicing writing in class for 10–15 minutes a couple times a week. Your teacher will score this writing from time to time to check in on how well you are doing and where you may need some help.

Focus

Definition: To select one specific moment or idea and to develop just this moment or idea in your writing.

4 GREAT WORK

You write a minimum of 130 words, and all your sentences work together to develop the same moment or idea.

3 VERY GOOD

You write a minimum of 95 words, and most of your sentences work together to develop the same moment or idea.

2 GETTING BETTER

You write a minimum of 50 words and some of your sentences focus on the same moment or idea, but it is hard to understand how some sentences are connected.

1 NEEDS WORK

You write a minimum of 25 words and very few of your sentences are focused on one moment or idea.

Use of Evidence

Definition: Selecting and describing quoted or paraphrased details from a text to develop and support an idea.

4 GREAT WORK

You write a minimum of 130 words, and you use evidence and describe what you notice in all your evidence to show how it supports your idea.

3 VERY GOOD

You write a minimum of 95 words, and you use evidence and describe what you notice in most of your evidence to show how it supports your idea.

2 GETTING BETTER

You write a minimum of 50 words, and you use some evidence and describe what you notice in some of your evidence but it is often unclear how the evidence supports your idea.

1 NEEDS WORK

You write a minimum of 25 words and you use little evidence and do not describe what you notice in the pieces of evidence you include.

Conventions

Definition: Conventions are the grammar and sentence mechanics skills that enable a writer to control the clarity and emphasis of a sentence.

4 GREAT WORK

All of your sentences are complete and punctuated correctly.

3 VERY GOOD

Most of your sentences are complete and punctuated correctly. A few errors may distract the reader, but do not make it challenging to understand your writing.

2 GETTING BETTER

Most of your sentences are complete. Errors DO make it challenging to understand your writing.

1 NEEDS WORK

Your sentences have many fragments and/or run-ons that prevent the reader from understanding your writing.