

Writing Rubric Template

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Topic	Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
References to experts and/or research	Made little to no references References towards research and expert are not elaborated on	Makes the reference, states what research occurred, example given, explanation	Given more than one expert or research, thoroughly explains research
Making connections across topics	No identifiable connection between topics was made	Gives a connection between topics, states the topics, explains connection	they further their thinking with the connections, gives multiple connections
Sentence structure	Sentences have little to no punctuation Sentence length is either very long or short	sentences contain grammar and punctuation. sentence lengths vary	Very little grammar mistakes, varying sentence lengths,
Typos/proofreading	Several typos, misspellings, and/or grammar mistakes Typos distract from the message that the student is trying to convey	Minimal typos with writing that has clearly been reread in order to make it the student's best work. However, improvements could still be made.	No typos or grammar mistakes present Message is presented with no distractions
Lack of new insights	No clear reflections or insights are present	Insights are present but have the potential to be further explained/developed.	New insights are present and well developed. Author shows clear growth of knowledge that is well explained. Connections to other ideas and prior knowledge made as well.

Telling the complete story via visuals: ||||| 8

Lack of new insights: ||||| 9

Incomplete: IIIIIII7

Making connections across topics: IIIIIIIII 10

References to experts and/or research: IIIIIIIIIII13

Idea development in reflection: IIIIIII9

Sentence structure: IIIIIIIII 10

Organization of ideas: IIIIIII

Clarity of ideas in reflection: IIIIIII

Typos/proofreading: IIIIIIIII 10

Examples:

Meets:

Lexi Mills

These past 2 weeks or so, we have been faced with the challenge to select two passions and learn more about those two passions of yours. The following questions and answers are reflections upon this challenge.

What are the BIG discoveries you made as a result of this experience? During this challenge, I have discovered a couple things. The first of these is that sometimes you have to do your own research to extend your knowledge on something. I never would have known most of the things I do about my two topics (Law and Volleyball) if I didn't complete this challenge. Another thing I learned from this challenge is that some things have a lot more in common than you may originally think. I never would have thought law and volleyball would have anything to do with each other, but I can see, after this challenge, that they have a lot in common.

How might these discoveries or topics connect with one another? These discoveries all connect because they will all help with future studying and investigating. From now on whenever I

am researching anything, I will remember to ask questions, to extend and stretch my research as far as it can go. And I will remember when studying a topic to look into how it relates to other topics.

How might you blend them together to formulate a study or action plan? How could these two ideas come together somehow? Both of the ideas can come together and show that they take hard work. The one thing I really took away from this is that both law as well as volleyball take hard work, perseverance, and practice to get better at.

Example #2:

Colton Sheppard

Some of the BIG discoveries I made as a result of this experience is that if you want to learn about something or do something, talking to an expert is a great idea and a huge help. My two experts both brought a completely new understanding to my topics which the internet couldn't have given me. Another discovery is pictures are a great way to express what you learned without writing things out. I found pictures that went with my writing and if people knew the questions that go with them they could easily tell the answer in a more fun way for them.

My topics connect with each other because in both of them you have to be able to problem solve. As someone who works with Cyber Security you have to be able to come up with ways to stop problems and as a veterinarian you have to solve problems with animals if something goes wrong with what you are doing with them.

A way you could blend both my subjects is that by having cyber security at the veterinarian office hackers can't hack into the system and steal money and client

information. By having this it saves their business from going bankrupt and keeps their clients' info safe from being stolen.

Exceeds expectations:

Emma Quinton

Throughout this experience, I learned a lot about myself and the things I like. I discovered that if you are interested in something you should find out more about that interest or even try it because a small hope to try something can turn into a lifelong career. I saw this through my aunt who I interviewed about playing volleyball. She played volleyball from middle school through college and now has a job as a color analyst for ESPN. So as you can see she fell in love with volleyball and as a result, she stuck with it and ended up working with the sport quite often as a career. Another big discovery I made was that no matter how different your interests may be, they will almost always have similarities. Those similarities may be why you find interest in those hobbies or topics. For example, horseback riding and volleyball have many connections and similarities, such as a need for dedication, hard work, teamwork, and you have to have fun. For both of these activities, you need dedication and hard work because you must be committed to working hard for a long time, and you have to be willing to give up your time on a regular basis. Like for volleyball, you have to be ready to work all year round to stay in shape and practice your technique even though volleyball season is just a small portion of the year and for horseback riding, you have to be ready to spend hours practicing and building a connection with your horse as well as be ready to work hard to take care of this 1000 pound animal. For these activities you also need good teamwork skills and being able to work in a team is a very valuable skill in life. For volleyball, you must be able to rely on your team to get to the ball or even to have your back when you make a mistake. And for horseback riding, you have to make a connection with your animal and work as a team to move and perform. Lastly, you must have fun! You always have to have fun when doing what you love because if you don't have fun doing what you love you are much more likely to lose interest. But just because you have a hard time using these traits doesn't mean you won't be able to find interest in these hobbies, it just may mean that you will have to put in extra effort to continue doing them long term, and it may just mean that these hobbies aren't for you. Some study or action plans to consider include: how hard work and dedication can affect your success in a hobby? Also, how can I continue to have fun and enjoy these hobbies and interests long term?

