

Free Writing Notebook Grading Rubric for _____



	4 Outstanding!	3 Wow!	2 Okay.	1 Needs Work!
Quality	Your entries reflect a variety of genres – you'll find essays, stories, real-life events, news stories, poems, persuasive pieces, etc. or one continuous writing piece. You always attempt deeper thinking in your writing. There is evidence of writing lessons in your entries. You often read teachers' comments and use them to improve your writing.	Your entries reflect some genres – or one continuous writing piece. You usually attempt deeper thinking in your writing. There is often evidence of writing lessons in your entries. You read teachers' comments and use them to improve your writing.	Your entries reflect a few genres, but you often write about the same things. You sometimes attempt deeper thinking in your writing. There is a bit of evidence of writing lessons in your entries. You sometimes read teachers' comments and use them to improve your writing.	Your entries show more drawing instead of writing. You often write about the same things. There is not much evidence of writing lessons in your entries. You rarely read teachers' comments and use them to improve your writing.
Number of Entries	You write in your notebook at home for two or more pages per week.	You write in your notebook at home for two pages per week.	You write in your notebook at home for one or two pages per week.	You write in your notebook at home for less than a page per week.
Neatness	Your notebook looks like you truly treasure writing. Someone else can read your entries easily. Your entries go into a sequential order. Your entries are dated and numbered.	Your entries are neat and it seems like you care for your notebook. Someone else can read your entries easily. Your entries go into a sequential order. Your entries are usually dated and numbered.	Some of your entries are neat. It might be difficult for other people to read your writing. Your entries sometimes go in order. Your entries are sometimes dated and numbered.	Your notebook does not seem well-cared for. It might be difficult for other people to read your writing. Your entries do not go in order. Your entries are not often dated and numbered.

