

Quick Scale: Grade 6 Personal, Impromptu Writing

Aspect	Not Yet Within Expectations	Minimally Meets Expectations	Fully Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
Meaning -ideas and information -use of detail	Sometimes I stay on topic. Often my story doesn't make sense. I don't use a lot of detail or examples. My story is short.	I try to give my opinion and put in some detail. Sometimes I need to put in more detail.	I write about things that I know a lot about. I give good examples and detail. I can write my ideas and information clearly.	I include a lot of detail when I write. I like to write about complex ideas. My writing is logical, has details and has many examples.
Style -clarity, variety and impact of language	I use easy words and short sentences. I use the words over and over again. I am not always sure of what the words mean.	Sometimes I have trouble saying what I mean. I usually use short sentences, but I try to use some longer ones.	My writing is easy to understand. It has good description. I try to use short and long sentences with different beginnings.	My writing is very clear and easy to understand. I like to use exactly the right words. I use both long and short sentences and use different sentence beginnings.
Form -opening -organization and sequence -conclusion -connecting words	I don't understand what a topic sentence is. I write about many things in the same story. I find it difficult to end my story. I sometimes use words like "and" or "then" too much.	My first sentence does tell what the story is about. I find it hard to stay on topic. My story may not have all three parts: beginning, middle, and end. I sometimes use words like "and" or "then" too much.	I have a good opening sentence. I stay on topic giving lots of ideas about it. Sometimes it's hard to write the ending because I don't know when to stop. I use many different words to connect my sentences.	I know how to write with a good topic sentence. My ideas flow very well and my ending is good. I like to try different ways of writing. I like to use a lot of interesting words to connect sentences.
Conventions -spelling -punctuation -complete sentences -grammar	I don't spell well. I have difficulty writing a complete sentence. I need help putting in all the periods, commas and quotation marks that are needed.	My writing has some spelling mistakes and some of my sentences might not make sense. The reader might have to read my story more than once to understand it.	I can write well with good spelling and complete sentences.	I make very few mistakes in my writing. I like to make my writing sound like other authors that I read by using complicated language.