

Writing Contest Rubric - Formal Essay

Areas of Assessment	A	B	C	D
Ideas	Presents ideas in an original manner	Presents ideas in a consistent manner	Ideas are too general	Ideas are vague or unclear
Organization	Strong and organized beg/mid/end	Organized beg/mid/end	Some organization; attempt at a beg/mid/end	No organization; lack beg/mid/end
Understanding	Writing shows strong understanding	Writing shows a clear understanding	Writing shows adequate understanding	Writing shows little understanding
Word Choice	Sophisticated use of nouns and verbs make the essay very informative	Nouns and verbs make essay informative	Needs more nouns and verbs	Little or no use of nouns and verbs
Sentence Structure	Sentence structure enhances meaning; flows throughout the piece	Sentence structure is evident; sentences mostly flow	Sentence structure is limited; sentences need to flow	No sense of sentence structure or flow
Mechanics	Few (if any) errors	Few errors	Several errors	Numerous errors