

The Six Traits of Writing

Ideas	Organization	Voice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates knowledge of the subject. • The main idea is easily recognizable. • Provides relevant and interesting details. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction or initial situation captures the reader's attention. • Ideas are logically and effectively presented. • Chooses a textual structure that fits with the writing purpose and intended audience • Includes transitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates passion for the subject • Tries to share passion for the subject with the reader • Expresses enthusiasm • The reader can understand the writer's voice in the text (e.g., joy, sadness).
Word Choice	Sentence Fluency	Conventions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses lively verbs and nouns and evocative adjectives and adverbs • Words create images in the reader's mind. • Carefully chosen words help the reader to see, hear, feel, taste and feel events and actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentences vary in length and structure. • Sentences are related. • Text flows; it has a rhythm. • Text is easy to read. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is correct spelling of words, especially frequently-used ones. • Punctuation and use of capitals are reviewed. • There is correct use of verbal moods and tenses. • There is correct use of adjectives. • It is obvious that text has been reread several times and corrected.