



# Kid-Friendly Writing Rubric



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Writing Piece: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>4 Points: My writing is clear and does what the prompt asked me. My errors in spelling and punctuation are so few they wouldn't bother you.</b>	
<b>Content and Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I used important details and information.</li> <li>I did not forget or lose the main idea when I added interesting details.</li> <li>I was careful to organize the ideas logically and effectively.</li> <li>I made sure all of my details connect to the prompt.</li> </ul>	<b>Style</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My word choice is awesome. The words fit the prompt well.</li> <li>I tried to use interesting words or descriptions to make pictures in the reader's mind.</li> <li>My sentences are not all the same style and length.</li> <li>My writing is neat and almost perfect.</li> </ul>
<b>3 Points: My writing is pretty good. I did what the prompt asked of me, but I did not give enough information or details with my answer. I need to add more. I made very few errors in spelling and punctuation.</b>	
<b>Content and Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I explained my main idea, but I need to add more information. I need to choose more important details and take out those that aren't.</li> <li>Sometimes my writing moves away from the main point or details get in the way of the main point.</li> <li>I need to put my story in order.</li> <li>I need to connect ideas so that they all fit well together.</li> </ul>	<b>Style</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of my words go well with the purpose.</li> <li>At times I could have chosen better words.</li> <li>My sentences are well written, but I did not try different kinds of sentences.</li> <li>Most of my paper is neat and easy to read.</li> <li>I may have made a mistake in grammar, spelling, or punctuation, but you can still understand what I mean.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Points: My writing is not clear enough, and I drifted away from the prompt. I need to use more details and be sure they are accurate. I did not notice the errors I made in spelling and mechanics.</b>	
<b>Content and Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I need to write more clearly and be sure I keep the purpose in mind. I need to be sure I have told all that I can to make my paper complete.</li> <li>I may not have included enough details, or I may have spent too much time on the details and forgot the purpose.</li> <li>My writing may seem more like a list than like a paragraph with ideas that go together.</li> <li>I need to be sure my writing stays on topic.</li> </ul>	<b>Style</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I need to use words that are strong and effective.</li> <li>My writing is not smooth, and I repeat myself at times.</li> <li>Sometimes you can't read my writing, and I need to be more careful about spelling and mechanics.</li> </ul>
<b>1 Point: My writing needs to be focused and organized. I need to write more to the prompt and include a lot more details and information. I have too many mistakes in spelling and mechanics.</b>	
<b>Content and Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have not paid enough attention to what I am supposed to write.</li> <li>I need to include a lot more information.</li> <li>I need to organize my ideas so that my writing is clear.</li> <li>I need to make sure my writing is complete and about the topic.</li> </ul>	<b>Style</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I need to write so that others can read it.</li> <li>I need to choose a variety of words and be sure that they are just right.</li> <li>I need to learn more words.</li> <li>I need to write complete sentences.</li> <li>My mistakes in spelling and mechanics keep my reader from understanding what I meant.</li> </ul>