

Writing Elements Rubric

Author's Score	4 	3 	2 	1 
Basics 	You have included all the basics: Evidence of prewriting, title, author's name, indentation of all paragraphs, topic sentences.	You are missing 1 Basics.	You are missing 2 Basics.	Review your <u>Basics</u> ; you are missing more than two Basics.
Structure of Sentences	Your sentences begin with capital letters. You used a variety of sentence structures. They are complete and make sense.	Sometimes you wrote incomplete sentences. You do have capital letters at the beginning of your sentences.	Some sentences are incomplete and you failed to use capital letters at the beginning of your sentences.	Sentences are not complete and you failed to use capital letters.
Punctuation (. , !)	All of your sentences ended with the correct punctuation.	Most of your sentences ended with punctuation.	Sometimes you ended your sentences with punctuation.	Where did the punctuation go? You are missing punctuation at the end of your sentences.
Development of Your Topic	Your topic flows. It is supported by specific details and you have remained on topic throughout the paper.	You remained on topic, but you could use more details.	You have included specific details, but they are not about your chosen topic.	You are missing details, and I am not sure what your topic is.

WOW, LOOK WHAT ELSE I FOUND! 	You used a comparison or figurative speech which made your writing sound interesting.	I found at least five adjectives that helped me visualize what you were saying.	You made me laugh or smile. This was a great paper.	I really liked...
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