Writing Rubric

Topic_____

Name

X	Needs Work 1	Getting There 2	Accomplished 3	Outstanding 4	
					Score
Sentence Structure	Uses only simple sentences	Repeats the same type of sentence or type of subject frequently	Uses a few complex or compound sentences	Uses a variety of simple, complex, and compound sentences	
Paragraphs	No central idea or theme	Topic unclear	Writes paragraphs with some cohesion	Writes cohesive paragraphs with topic sentences and introduction and conclusion	
Organization	No organization of ideas	Ideas are on the same subject but disorganized	A single theme is present in each paragraph	Paragraphs have logical order and progress from one point to the next	
Punctuation	Half or more of sentences are incorrectly punctuated	Many sentences have punctuation errors. Same mistakes made frequently.	Makes a few errors in punctuation	Uses beginning and end punctuation as well as contractions and proper nouns correctly	
Spelling	Many misspelled words	Several spelling errors in each paragraph	Few difficult words misspelled	No spelling errors	
Word Choice	Simple words are used with minimal vocabulary	Usually uses general words with few descriptive phrases or details	Contains some descriptive words	Uses interesting words and phrases in every paragraph	
Voice	Basic sentences without a voice	Writing is mechanical without interest	Shows some personal interest in the topic	Gets the reader's attention and holds it	
Writing Lab Focus	Many errors with skill or concept	Inconsistent use of skill or concept	Good use of skill/ concept, few errors	Consistently applies skill/ concept	



What does it mean?

- * Cohesion/cohesive- sentences flow together
- * Theme- the central or main idea
- * Word Choice- shows (not tells) the reader, descriptive, precise
- * Voice- writing style, special to you

Total Score /32

