

# West Virginia Writing Rubric - Grade 3

	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>SENTENCE STRUCTURE</b>	<b>WORD CHOICE/GRAMMAR USAGE</b>	<b>MECHANICS</b>
<b>Score of 6</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exemplary Organization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear and logical progression of ideas</li> <li>• Strong beginning, middle and end</li> <li>• Strong, well-developed multiple paragraphs</li> <li>• Strong use of transition</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exemplary Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong use of examples, evidence or supporting details</li> <li>• Clear focus maintained                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Descriptive</u>: exemplary examples and sensory details</li> <li>➢ <u>Narrative</u>: exemplary ideas convey the experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exemplary Sentence Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and correct</li> <li>• Strong evidence of sentence variety: (types/length)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Declarative</li> <li>➢ Interrogative</li> <li>➢ Exclamatory</li> <li>➢ Imperative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exemplary Word Choice/Grammar Usage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivid, specific, precise</li> <li>• Consistent grammar usage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>➢ Singular/plural nouns</li> <li>➢ Regular/irregular verbs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exemplary Mechanics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May have minor errors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Punctuation</li> <li>➢ Capitalization</li> <li>➢ Spelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Needs little or no editing</li> </ul>
<b>Score of 5</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effective Organization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logical progression of ideas</li> <li>• Clear beginning, middle and end</li> <li>• Appropriate, effective paragraphing</li> <li>• Sufficient use of transition</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effective Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear use of examples, evidence or supporting details</li> <li>• Clear focus                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Descriptive</u>: effective examples and sensory details</li> <li>➢ <u>Narrative</u>: effective ideas convey the experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effective Sentence Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete and correct</li> <li>• Clear evidence of sentence variety: (types/length)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Declarative</li> <li>➢ Interrogative</li> <li>➢ Exclamatory</li> <li>➢ Imperative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effective Word Choice/Grammar Usage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific, precise</li> <li>• Mostly consistent grammar usage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>➢ Singular/plural nouns</li> <li>➢ Regular/irregular verbs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effective Mechanics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Few errors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Punctuation</li> <li>➢ Capitalization</li> <li>➢ Spelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Needs some editing</li> </ul>
<b>Score of 4</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adequate Organization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some evidence of a logical progression of ideas</li> <li>• Beginning, middle and end</li> <li>• Some evidence of appropriate paragraphing</li> <li>• Some use of transition</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adequate Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sufficient use of examples, evidence or supporting details</li> <li>• Some evidence of a continued focus                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Descriptive</u>: adequate examples and sensory details</li> <li>➢ <u>Narrative</u>: adequate ideas convey the experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adequate Sentence Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor errors in structure</li> <li>• Some evidence of sentence Variety: (types/length)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Declarative</li> <li>➢ Interrogative</li> <li>➢ Exclamatory</li> <li>➢ Imperative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adequate Word Choice/Grammar Usage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate, somewhat simplistic</li> <li>• Somewhat consistent grammar usage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>➢ Singular/plural nouns</li> <li>➢ Regular/irregular verbs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adequate Mechanics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some errors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Punctuation</li> <li>➢ Capitalization</li> <li>➢ Spelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Needs editing but doesn't impede readability</li> </ul>
<b>Score of 3</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Limited Organization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited evidence of a logical progression of ideas</li> <li>• Beginning, middle and/or end</li> <li>• Attempts at appropriate paragraphing</li> <li>• Limited use of transition</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Limited Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some use of examples, evidence or supporting details</li> <li>• Some evidence of focus                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Descriptive</u>: limited examples and sensory details</li> <li>➢ <u>Narrative</u>: limited ideas convey the experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Limited Sentence Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some errors in sentence structure</li> <li>• Limited evidence of sentence variety: (types/length)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Declarative</li> <li>➢ Interrogative</li> <li>➢ Exclamatory</li> <li>➢ Imperative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Limited Word Choice/Grammar Usage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate, repetitive</li> <li>• Several inconsistencies in grammar usage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>➢ Singular/plural nouns</li> <li>➢ Regular/irregular verbs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Limited Mechanics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent errors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Punctuation</li> <li>➢ Capitalization</li> <li>➢ Spelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Begins to impede readability</li> </ul>
<b>Score of 2</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimal Organization/Minimal Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lacks evidence of a logical progression of ideas</li> <li>• Lacks a beginning, middle and/or end</li> <li>• Minimal evidence of paragraphing</li> <li>• Lacks clear transition</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimal Development/Minimal Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lacks sufficient examples, evidence or supporting details</li> <li>• Unclear focus                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Descriptive</u>: minimal examples and sensory details</li> <li>➢ <u>Narrative</u>: minimal ideas convey the experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimal Sentence Structure/Minimal Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains some incomplete sentences and/or run-ons</li> <li>• Minimal evidence of sentence variety: (types/length)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Declarative</li> <li>➢ Interrogative</li> <li>➢ Exclamatory</li> <li>➢ Imperative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimal Word Choice/Grammar Usage/Minimal Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequate, incorrect</li> <li>• Frequent inconsistencies in grammar usage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>➢ Singular/plural nouns</li> <li>➢ Regular/irregular verbs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimal Mechanics/Minimal Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent errors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Punctuation</li> <li>➢ Capitalization</li> <li>➢ Spelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Impedes readability</li> </ul>
<b>Score of 1</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inadequate Organization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little or no progression of ideas; difficult to follow</li> <li>• No evidence of beginning, middle or end</li> <li>• Lacks evidence of paragraphing</li> <li>• No transition</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inadequate Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lacks examples, evidence or supporting details</li> <li>• No focus                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <u>Descriptive</u>: inadequate examples and sensory details</li> <li>➢ <u>Narrative</u>: inadequate ideas convey the experience</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inadequate Sentence Structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains numerous incomplete sentences and/or run-on</li> <li>• Lacks evidence of sentence variety: (types/length)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Declarative</li> <li>➢ Interrogative</li> <li>➢ Exclamatory</li> <li>➢ Imperative</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inadequate Word Choice/Grammar Usage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rambling, inappropriate, incorrect</li> <li>• Distracting inconsistencies in grammar usage                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Subject/verb agreement</li> <li>➢ Singular/plural nouns</li> <li>➢ Regular/irregular verbs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inadequate Mechanics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serious and consistent errors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Punctuation</li> <li>➢ Capitalization</li> <li>➢ Spelling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Impedes understanding/communication</li> </ul>