

West Virginia Writing Rubric - Grade 9

	ORGANIZATION	DEVELOPMENT	SENTENCE STRUCTURE	WORD CHOICE/GRAMMAR USAGE	MECHANICS
Score of 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly stated topic Clear and logical order Strong introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph Sophisticated transition among sentences, ideas and paragraphs 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophisticated development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing Sophisticated thesis statement and development of informative and persuasive writing Well executed progression of ideas Strong use of examples, evidence or relevant details Strong use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophisticated and well controlled sentences Sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vivid, precise, relevant, concise, connotative Consistent grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject/verb agreement Singular/plural nouns Verb (tense and usage) Pronoun usage Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exemplary Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May have minor errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuation Capitalization Spelling Needs little or no editing
Score of 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly stated topic Clear and logical progression of ideas Introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph Purposeful transition among sentences, ideas and paragraphs 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing Appropriate thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing Clear progression of ideas Clear use of examples, evidence or relevant details Clear use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and correct sentences Sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concise, precise/appropriate, clear meaning, connotative Mostly consistent grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject/verb agreement Singular/plural nouns Verb (tense and usage) Pronoun usage Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Effective Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuation Capitalization Spelling Needs some editing
Score of 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly stated topic Some evidence of a logical progression of ideas Introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and concluding paragraph Appropriate use of transition among sentences, ideas and paragraphs 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficient development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing Sufficient thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing Progression of ideas Sufficient use of examples, evidence or relevant details Use of analogies, illustrations, examples or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete and correct sentences Some sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex (errors in more complex sentence structure do not detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate, specific, somewhat simplistic, connotative Somewhat consistent grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject/verb agreement Singular/plural nouns Verb (tense and usage) Pronoun usage Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Adequate Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuation Capitalization Spelling Needs editing but doesn't impede readability
Score of 3	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poorly stated topic Limited evidence of a logical progression of ideas Introductory paragraph and concluding paragraph with limited supporting paragraphs Repetitive use of transition 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing Limited thesis statement for development of informative and persuasive writing Limited progression of ideas Limited use of examples, evidence or relevant details Limited use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor errors in sentence structure Limited sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex (errors in more complex sentence structure begin to detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vague, redundant, simplistic Several inconsistencies in grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject/verb agreement Singular/plural nouns Verb (tense and usage) Pronoun usage Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Limited Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuation Capitalization Spelling Begins to impede readability
Score of 2	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Organization/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of acceptable topic Lacks evidence of a logical progression of ideas Lacks introductory paragraph, supporting paragraphs and/or concluding paragraph Ineffective or overused transition 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Development/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing Minimal thesis statement and development of informative and persuasive writing Lacks a logical progression of ideas Minimal use of examples, evidence or relevant details Limited use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Sentence Structure/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains fragments and/or run-ons Minimal sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex (errors in sentence structure detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Word Choice/Grammar Usage/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate, imprecise, repetitive Frequent inconsistencies in grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject/verb agreement Singular/plural nouns Verb (tense and usage) Pronoun usage Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Minimal Mechanics/Minimal Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuation Capitalization Spelling Impedes readability
Score of 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacks stated topic No logical pattern; difficult to follow Inadequate paragraphing Little or no transition 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little or no development of the topic for narrative and descriptive writing Unclear thesis statement and development for informative and persuasive writing Unclear or no focus Few or no examples, evidence or relevant details Little use of analogies, illustrations or anecdotes 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Sentence Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains numerous fragments and/or run-ons Little or no sentence variation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple Compound Complex Compound-complex (errors in sentence structure detract) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Word Choice/Grammar Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rambling, inappropriate, incorrect, unclear Distracting inconsistencies in grammar usage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject/verb agreement Singular/plural nouns Verb (tense and usage) Pronoun usage Adjective/Adverb 	<p style="text-align: center;">Inadequate Mechanics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serious and consistent errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Punctuation Capitalization Spelling Impedes understanding/communication