

Roberta Doering School/Write Traits Rubric

Name _____
Class _____
Paper _____

Key:
5 = Thoroughly or deeply
4 = Essentially or mostly
3 = Partially or basically
2 = Barely or minimally
1 = Poorly or not at all

	1	2	3	4	5
<p>IDEA DEVELOPMENT <i>My paper is clear, focused, and filled with important details.</i> -You can tell I know a lot about this topic. -When you start reading, you will not want to stop. -You can picture what I'm talking about. -I show things happening; I don't just tell you about them.</p>					
<p>ORGANIZATION <i>My paper is as clear as a good road map. It takes readers by the hand and guides them along every step.</i> -My beginning gives a hint of what is coming. -Every detail falls in just the right place. -You never feel lost or confused. -Everything leads up to my most important point. -My paper ends in just the right spot.</p>					
<p>VOICE <i>I have put my personal, recognizable stamp on this paper.</i> -You can hear my voice and can tell this is me. -You can tell I care about this topic -I speak right to my audience and address the questions they might have. -My writing rings with confidence.</p>					

<p>WORD CHOICE <i>I picked just the right words to express my ideas and feelings.</i> -The words and phrases I've used seem exactly right. -My phrases are colorful and lively, but not overdone. -I used some everyday words in new way. Expect a few surprises! -Every word is accurate and precise. -Verbs carry the meaning. I don't pile too many adjectives on my reader.</p>					
<p>SENTENCE FLUENCY <i>My sentences are clear and readable.</i> -Go ahead and read it aloud. You won't need to rehearse. -Sentence variety is my middle name. Hear the rhythm? Deadwood has been cut out. It's smooth as an Olympic skater on ice.</p>					
<p>CONVENTIONS <i>I made so few errors, it would be a snap getting this piece ready to publish.</i> -Capitals are in all the right places. -Paragraphs begin at the right spot. -Great punctuation – grammar too. -My spelling (even of formidable, abstruse words) would knock your socks off. -An editor won't have much to do on this paper</p>					
<p>Overall Assessment:</p>					