

Six + 1 Traits of Writing Rubric

Writing Rubric

Checked for:	Excellent (4 points each)		Satisfactory (3 points each)		Needs Improvement (2 points each)		Unsatisfactory (1 point each)		Not Present (0 points)	
Organization										
Word Choice										
Conventions										
Sentences										
Voice										
Content/Ideas										
Neatness										

My Grade: _____ E S NI U (white boxes)

I am proud of this about my writing:

Goal: I want to improve on:

How I will accomplish this:

Teacher Grade and Comments: _____ E S NI U (gray boxes)

*Grading is based on the 6 Traits of Writing plus Neatness.

Organization: Strong beginning, content is in order, good ending

Word Choice: Not repeating words too often, words that help the reader make a mental image

Conventions: Spelling, capitals, punctuation, spacing, easy to read

Sentences: Different types of sentences, complete sentences

Voice: Does it sound like me, does the writing make my reader feel something

Content/Ideas: Is the message clear, is there enough information

Neatness: Letter formation is correct, words are spaced, no cross-outs/visible eraser marks, easy to read

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This rubric is used for grading published pieces. Not all writing should be graded, and you do not have to grade each trait.

Only grade what you have modeled and practiced extensively. For most of second grade, I use a simplified rubric that I had made into a self-inking stamp. My stamp covers Beginning, Middle, End and C.O.P.S. (refer to Teaching Writing on my website for further explanation). I only use this rubric towards the end of second grade, but I used it exclusively when I taught intermediate grades.

Choose one rubric and stick to it for all writing grades. It makes it easier for the students to know what you expect, they know what specific area they need to work on, and it helps greatly with parent communication.

There are many activities you can do to teach the 6+1 Traits of Writing. Download the PDF "My6+1 Ideas" to get you started.