

4 square Writing Rubric

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Date: _____

SLE: _____



Format/Organization

- Typing Directions (2 spacing, 12 font, Times Roman), typing one space after a period and comma ____/1 pt.
- Introductory Paragraph with interest catching topic sentence, subtopic sentence, and commentary sentence ____/1 pt.
- First body, second body, and third body paragraphs include transition word, subtopic, detail sentences, vivid details, and commentary sentences ____/3 pts.
- Conclusion paragraph includes transition word, wrap up and commentary sentences __/1pt.

Content

- Body of essay, paragraphs 2, 3, 4 support introductory paragraph ____/3 pt.
- Sentences in body paragraphs support subtopic in each paragraph ____/ 3 pt.
- Clear thoughts and vivid details, pictures are painted with words ____/ 1 pt.
- Supporting sentences apply to the five senses ____/1 pt.
- Sentences convey emotion and clear point of view __ 2 pts.

Grammar/Syntax and Mechanics

- Sentences are written grammatically correct ____/3 pts.
- Verbs in consistent verb tense ____/ 1 pt.
- No run on, fragment, or no sense sentences ____/1 pt.
- Sentence variety: minimal simple sentences, evidence of complex and compound sentences ____/2 pt.
- Uses of adjectives, adverbs, prepositional phrases and clauses ____/ 1pt.
- Capitalization of proper nouns ____/ 1pt.
- Correct use of comma, period, semi colon, quotation marks, question mark, and exclamation point ____1 pt.

Spelling/Vocabulary

- No slang words, grade level or above grade level appropriate words ____/2 pt.
- Minimal or no repetition words, evidence of use of dictionary and thesaurus ____/2 pts.
- No spelling errors (one point off for each error)

Comments:

**Thank you for all your hard work!*

Total points _____/30 points

Parent Signature please: _____