

Assessment Rubric for Personal Narrative Essays



Stimulating Ideas

The writing . . .

- ___ focuses on a specific experience or event.
- ___ presents an engaging picture of the action and people.
- ___ contains specific details and dialogue. (see Descriptive Words Chart)
- ___ makes readers want to know what happens next.

Logical Organization

- ___ includes a clear beginning that pulls readers into the essay (see examples of grabbers).
- ___ presents ideas in an organized manner.
- ___ uses transitions to link sentences and paragraphs (see Transitional Words handout)

Engaging Voice

- ___ speaks knowledgeably and/or enthusiastically
- ___ shows that the writer is truly interested in the subject.

Original Word Choice

- ___ contains specific nouns, vivid verbs, and colorful modifiers.

Effective Sentence Style

_____ flows smoothly from one idea to the next.

_____ shows variation in sentence structure and length.

Correct, Accurate Copy

_____ adheres to the basic rules of writing

_____ follows the form suggested by the teacher, or another effective design (see *Writers, INC.* pg. 30-32)