

What Makes for Good Writing?

- 1) For you, what characterizes good writing? List 10-15 different qualities, such as: clarity, originality, etc.

- 2) Discuss your answers with a classmate. Where did you overlap? Where did you diverge?

- 3) Now, pick the 5 most important qualities, and put them in order from 1 (most important) to 5 (least important of the top 5).

- 4) Discuss why those 5 qualities are so critical, and why you think that some are relatively more important than others. Use your answers to fill in the “Criteria” column on the left side of the rubric on the next page.

- 5) Finally, work with your classmate to fill in the rest of the rubric. What might your 5 qualities look in an excellent paper? A very good paper? Etc. For example, “clarity” in an excellent paper (100-96 range) might involve “precise argumentation, no excess wording,” whereas in a very good paper (95-89 range) it might consist of “generally clear argumentation, very little excess wording.”

Essay: _____, # ____ . Student Name: _____

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WRITING EVALUATION RUBRIC

Criteria 1:				
Criteria 2:				
Criteria 3:				
Criteria 4:				
Criteria 5:				

100 ----- 96 95 ----- 89 88 ----- 80 79 ----- 70

Teacher's Comments: