Writing Rubrics: Grade 7

Note: In your Amplify classes, you will be practicing writing in class for 10–15 minutes a couple of times a week. Your teacher will score this writing from time to time to check in on how well you are doing and where you may need some help.

Focus

Definition: To select one specific moment or idea and to develop just this moment or idea in your writing.

4 GREAT WORK
You write a minimum of 130 words AND almost all sentences develop the same moment, idea, or claim.

3 VERY GOOD
You write a minimum of 95 words AND most of your sentences develop the same moment, idea, or claim.

2 GETTING BETTER
You write a minimum of 50 words AND some of your sentences focus on the same moment, idea, or claim, but it is hard to understand how some sentences are connected.

1 NEEDS WORK
You write a minimum of 25 words AND very few of your sentences are focused on one moment, idea, or claim.

Use of Evidence

Definition: Selecting and describing quoted or paraphrased details from a text to develop and support an idea.

4 GREAT WORK
You write a minimum of 130 words AND you use evidence and describe the key parts of that evidence to show how it supports your idea or claim.

3 VERY GOOD
You write a minimum of 95 words AND you use evidence and describe most of the key parts of that evidence to show how it supports your idea or claim.

2 GETTING BETTER
You write a minimum of 50 words AND you use some evidence and describe some key parts of that evidence to show how it supports your idea or claim.

1 NEEDS WORK
You write a minimum of 25 words AND you use almost no evidence and do not describe parts of that evidence to show how it supports your idea or claim.

Conventions

Definition: Conventions are the grammar and sentence mechanics skills that enable a writer to control the clarity and emphasis of a sentence.

4 GREAT WORK
All of your sentences are complete and punctuated correctly.

3 VERY GOOD
Most of your sentences are complete and punctuated correctly. A few errors may distract the reader, but do not make it challenging to understand your writing.

2 GETTING BETTER
Most of your sentences are complete. Errors DO make it challenging to understand your writing.

1 NEEDS WORK
Your sentences have many fragments and/or run-ons that prevent the reader from understanding your writing.