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Sample Writing Rubric

	1 = minimal	2 = adequate	3 = strong	4 = outstanding
Mechanics	Many spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors; sentence fragments; incorrect use of capitalization	Some spelling and grammar errors; most sentences have punctuation and are complete; uses upper- and lowercase	Few spelling and grammar errors; correct punctuation; complete sentences	Correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation; complete sentences; correct use of capitalization
Ideas & Content	Key words are not near the beginning; no clear topic; no beginning, middle, and end; ideas are not ordered	Main idea or topic is in first sentence; semidefined topic; attempts beginning, middle and end sections; some order of main idea and details in sequence	Good main idea or topic sentence; main idea is fairly broad; has good beginning, middle, and end sections; main idea and details are sequential, as appropriate	Interesting, well-stated main idea or topic sentence; uses logical plan with an effective beginning, middle, and end; good flow of ideas from topic sentence to details in sequence
Peer Interaction	Uncooperative, off task, unproductive	Works with partner most of the time	Effectively works with partner; participates in discussions most of the time	Consistently and actively works with partner; contributes knowledge, opinions, and skills

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