

Language Arts Literacy

Writing

New Jersey Holistic Scoring Rubric - Grades 6 and 7

In scoring, consider the grid of written language	Inadequate Command	Limited Command	Partial Command	Adequate Command	Strong Command	Superior Command
Score	1	2	3	4	5	6
Content & Organization	*May lack opening and/or closing	*May lack opening and/or closing	*May lack opening and/or closing	*Generally has opening and/or closing	*Opening and closing	*Opening and closing
	*Minimal response to topic; uncertain focus	*Attempts to focus	*Usually has single focus	*Single focus	*Single focus	*Single, distinct focus
		*May drift or shift focus			*Sense of unity and coherence	*Unified and coherent
	*No planning evident; disorganized	*Attempts organization	*Some lapses or flaws in organization	*Ideas loosely connected	*Logical progression of ideas	*Logical progression of ideas
		*Few, if any, transitions between ideas	*May lack some transitions between ideas	*Transition evident	*Moderately fluent	*Fluent, cohesive
*Details random, inappropriate, or barely apparent	*Details lack elaboration that could highlight paper	*Repetitious details *Several unelaborated details	*Uneven development of details	*Details appropriate and varied	*Details effective, vivid, explicit, and/or pertinent	
Usage	*No apparent control	*Numerous errors	*Errors/patterns of errors may be evident	*Some errors that do not interfere with meaning	*Few errors	*Very few, if any, errors
	*Severe/numerous errors					
Sentence Construction	*Assortment of incomplete and/or incorrect sentences	*Excessive monotony/same structure	*Little variety in syntax	*Some errors that do not interfere with meaning	*Few errors	*Very few, if any, errors
		*Numerous errors	*Some errors			
Mechanics	*Errors so severe they detract from meaning	*Numerous serious errors	*Patterns of errors evident	*No consistent pattern of errors	*Few errors	*Very few, if any, errors
				*Some errors that do not interfere with meaning		
Nonscorable Responses	NR = No Response		Student wrote too little to allow reliable judgment of his/her writing.			
	OT = Off Topic/Off Task		Student did not write on the assigned topic/task, or the student attempted to copy the prompt.			
	NE = Not English		Student wrote in a language other than English.			
	WF = Wrong Format		Student refused to write on the topic, or the writing task folder was blank.			