

# STUDENT SCORING GUIDE 2003-2004

## WRITING, BENCHMARK 1

<b>IDEAS AND CONTENT</b>	<b>VOICE</b>
<b>Clear ideas and details</b>	<b>Writing is easy to read and sounds sincere</b>
<p><b>Strong!</b> My idea is clear and is strongly supported with details. I show what I know in my writing.</p>	<p><b>Strong!</b> The reader can easily tell that I really care about this topic. My purpose is very clear. I consistently share ideas and use words that work especially well for my audience.</p>
<p><b>Meets Standard</b> My idea is clear and is supported with details. I show most of what I know in my writing.</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard</b> The reader can tell that I care about this topic. My purpose is clear. I share ideas and use words that work for my audience.</p>
<p><b>Emerging</b> I have a main idea and use some details to explain it. I need to show more of what I know in my writing.</p>	<p><b>Emerging</b> The reader can hear a little of me in my writing. I could be more interested in this topic. My purpose is not clear, and I have not considered my audience.</p>
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>WORD CHOICE</b>
<b>Planning from beginning to end</b>	<b>Clear and interesting words</b>
<p><b>Strong!</b> I have a well-developed beginning, middle, and end. The reader can easily follow what I have written.</p>	<p><b>Strong!</b> I use clear and interesting words to present an idea. I pick just the right words for the right places.</p>
<p><b>Meets Standard</b> I have a beginning, middle, and end. I tell things in an order that makes sense.</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard</b> I use clear and interesting words to describe my ideas. My words fit together.</p>
<p><b>Emerging</b> I have a beginning, but the middle or ending needs work. The reader can mostly follow what I have written.</p>	<p><b>Emerging</b> My words are often general, not clear and specific. I sometimes repeat the same words.</p>

<b>SENTENCE FLUENCY</b>	<b>WRITING CONVENTIONS</b>
<b>Sentences that make sense and fit together</b>	<b>Spelling, capitalization, punctuation and paragraphing</b>
<p><b><i>Strong!</i></b> I use a variety of strong sentences that flow. It is very easy for the reader to read my sentences aloud.</p>	<p><b><i>Strong!</i></b> I use correct spelling, ending punctuation, and beginning capitalization. My paragraphs begin and end in just the right places.</p>
<p><b>Meets Standard</b> I use sentences that flow. It is usually easy for the reader to read my sentences aloud.</p>	<p><b>Meets Standard</b> Most of my spelling, ending punctuation and beginning capitalization are correct. I use paragraphs to show new ideas.</p>
<p><b>Emerging</b> I have understandable sentences, but they do not flow naturally. Sometimes the reader has to re-read sentences that sound confusing.</p>	<p><b>Emerging</b> I need to check my spelling, ending punctuation and beginning capitalization more carefully. Some of my mistakes make it hard to read my paper. I need to use paragraphs to separate my ideas more clearly.</p>