

NDGW Writing Rubric

Category	1	2	3	4	comments
Evidence	Does not provide proof as to why they think something makes California wonderful.	Has a few reasons that support the idea of what makes California wonderful.	Provides a clear explanation with evidence of what makes California wonderful.	Provides a clear explanation of what makes California wonderful with more than three examples or pieces of evidence.	
Hook	Essay does not get reader's attention and lacks interest for the reader.	Does not get the reader's attention and the reader may or may not keep reading.	Gets the reader's attention, and holds it.	Gets the reader's attention and holds it such that the reader wants to keep reading.	
Organization	No organization of ideas.	Ideas are on the same subject but disorganized.	A single theme is present in each paragraph.	Paragraphs have a logical order and move from one point to the next.	
Grammar/Mechanics	Contains many distracting errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics; errors block understanding.	Contains some distracting errors in grammar, usage, or mechanics that interfere with understanding.	Contains a few errors in grammar, usage, or mechanics that do not distract the reader.	Contains no errors in grammar, usage, or mechanics.	
Originality	Lacks originality in ideas, language or imagery, etc. Writing doesn't go anywhere.	Offers little originality in ideas, language, imagery, etc. Reader may lose interest.	Interests the reader with some original and interesting use of ideas, language, imagery, etc.	Impresses the reader from beginning to end through original and interesting use of ideas, language, imagery, etc.	

Total Score: