

Grade 7 Writing Scoring Rubric

Level 2

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence 3	Partial Evidence 2	Limited Evidence 1	Unrelated Evidence 0 or 5	
<u>Organization</u> – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized with an effect related directly to a cause (e.g., cause/effect).	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states the topic/cause <input type="checkbox"/> a body that relates the effect to the provided cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the essay is about a cause and its effect 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that states the topic/cause <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes an effect that may not relate to the provided cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states a cause or the effect 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, cause/effect relationship, or conclusion) 	0	5
<u>Idea Development</u> – The essay develops a topic, includes details to promote meaning and create clarity.	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one relevant detail to describe the effect 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one effect with no relevant detail 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one idea related to the topic 	0	5
<u>Conventions</u> – Students use standard English conventions (e.g., end punctuation, subject-verb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for more than one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence that expresses an idea with subject-verb agreement Ex: “The dog runs.” 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with or without subject-verb agreement 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one use of standard English conventions (end punctuation for one thought unit or one thought unit with or without subject-verb agreement) 	0	

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Level 3

Rubric Elements	Full Evidence 3	Partial Evidence 2	Limited Evidence 1	Unrelated Evidence 0 or 5	
Organization – The essay addresses a specified topic and is organized with an effect related directly to a cause (cause/effect).	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that presents the cause and its effects <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes two effects and refers them to the cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the essay is about a cause and its effects 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> an introduction that presents a topic <input type="checkbox"/> a body that includes one effect and refers it to the cause <input type="checkbox"/> a conclusion that states the topic 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> some evidence related to the specified topic (i.e., introduction, on-topic cause/effect relationship, or conclusion) 	0 <input type="checkbox"/> no evidence of organization	5 <input type="checkbox"/> evidence is off topic
Idea Development – The essay develops a topic, includes details and transitional words to promote meaning and create clarity.	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> two effects, each with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> transitional words to connect the cause to each of the two effects 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one effect with a relevant detail <input type="checkbox"/> transitional word to connect one cause/effect relationship 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one detail that describes the cause or effect OR <input type="checkbox"/> one transition word 	0 <input type="checkbox"/> no evidence of idea development	5 <input type="checkbox"/> evidence is off topic
Conventions – Students use standard English conventions (e.g., capitalization, end punctuation, subject-verb agreement).	The essay includes more than one sentence and at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of the majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for majority of thought units <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence that expresses an idea with subject-verb agreement Ex: “<u>T</u>he dog runs.” 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> capitalization at the beginning of one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> end punctuation for one thought unit <input type="checkbox"/> one complete sentence with subject-verb agreement 	The essay includes at a minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> one use of standard English conventions (capitalization at the beginning of one thought unit, end punctuation for one thought unit or one thought unit with or without subject-verb agreement) 	0 <input type="checkbox"/> no evidence of standard English conventions	