

Writing Prompt Scoring Rubric: Long Composition

CT (Composition Topic)

CC (Composition Conventions)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Topic Development
	Provides a context for the reader using appropriate background information.
	Restates the question within thesis statement/topic sentences.
	Demonstrates an awareness of audience and task.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structure
	Length and complexity of essay demonstrates the use of standard English conventions.
	Sentence structure reflects a balance of simple, compound, complex sentence structure with few (or no) run-ons or fragments.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organization/Logical Conclusions
	Includes an accurate main idea in each paragraph.
	Presents ideas in a logical manner including transitional words/phrases so that the reader can follow and understand the writer's point of view.
	Demonstrates complex thinking, such as summarizes, synthesizes ideas, makes inferences.
	Includes a relevant conclusion.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grammar and Usage
	Demonstrates correct use of standard grammatical rules of English (such as verb tense, subject verb agreement, quotations, active/passive verbs).
	Demonstrates a correct word usage (such as lie-lay, fewer-less, sit-set, rise-raise).
	Range of vocabulary (such as in starting sentences and using descriptive adjectives) is appropriate and supports overall effect of writing.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accurate, Relevant Evidence/Detail
	Presents an adequate amount of evidence to support the thesis statement.
	Explicitly connects details (such as examples, facts, quotes, citations, and/or statistics) with transitions to main idea in each paragraph.
	Selects details that are vivid and clearly convey the writer's point.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation
	Spelling is usually correct and does not hinder comprehension.
	Correct capitalization of words is employed throughout the writing sample and aids clarity.
	Punctuation enhances readers understanding of student writing, demonstrates sophisticated sentence construction and careful proofreading.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Voice / Tone / Style
	Uses words and language in a concise and precise way that creates a picture in the reader's mind (such as using similes and metaphors).
	Reflects the writer's or author's personal meaning, opinions, and feelings.

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CC: Total Points _____ (out of 8)

Student Name: _____

Class Section: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____

CT: Total Points _____ (out of 12)