

Descriptive Writing Rubric

	4	3	2	1	Points
Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Painted a picture for the reader <input type="checkbox"/> Well focused on the topic <input type="checkbox"/> Clear ideas were well-supported with interesting and vivid details <input type="checkbox"/> Answered all questions posed in the prompt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Created some clear images for the reader <input type="checkbox"/> Focused on the topic <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas were well-supported with details <input type="checkbox"/> Answered most questions posed in the prompt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes strayed from the topic <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas were not well developed <input type="checkbox"/> More details were needed <input type="checkbox"/> Answered one or two of the questions posed in the prompt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly focused on the topic <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas were unclear <input type="checkbox"/> Few details were given <input type="checkbox"/> Did not answer the questions posed in the prompt 	
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Well focused on the topic <input type="checkbox"/> Logical organization <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent transitions <input type="checkbox"/> Easy to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Generally focused on the topic <input type="checkbox"/> Some lapses in organization <input type="checkbox"/> Some transitions <input type="checkbox"/> Usually easy to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat focused on the topic <input type="checkbox"/> Poor organization <input type="checkbox"/> Few transitions <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not focused on the topic <input type="checkbox"/> No clear organization <input type="checkbox"/> No transitions <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult or impossible to follow 	
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory paragraph clearly stated the subject of the essay and captured reader's attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory paragraph stated the subject of the essay, but was not particularly inviting to the reader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Introductory paragraph attempted to state the subject of the essay, but did not capture the reader's attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No attempt was made to state the subject of the essay in the introductory paragraph 	
Sentence Fluency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Used complete sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Varied sentence structure and lengths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Used complete sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Generally simple sentence structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional sentence fragment or run-on sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Simple sentence structure was used repeatedly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent use of sentence fragments or run-on sentences <input type="checkbox"/> Sentences were difficult to understand 	
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Proper grammar and usage <input type="checkbox"/> Correct spelling <input type="checkbox"/> Correct punctuation <input type="checkbox"/> Correct capitalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Few errors in grammar <input type="checkbox"/> Mostly correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Errors in grammar, usage, and spelling sometimes made understanding difficult <input type="checkbox"/> Some errors in punctuation and capitalization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent errors in grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation made understanding difficult or impossible 	

Total Points
 ____/20
Average
