



Student Writing Guide for Ideas, Organization, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency and Conventions

Ideas

- ✓ My main message or story is clear. It will hold your attention.
- ✓ I know a lot about this topic. I have GREAT information to share.
- ✓ I looked for the very best details I can find so readers would want to keep reading.
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Organization

- ✓ I stick with one main message, and everything connects to it.
- ✓ Strong organization makes my important ideas clear.
- ✓ My lead will grab your attention. You'll love my conclusion.
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Word Choice

- ✓ My words are clear and original – many stand out. You will find some to highlight!
- ✓ Powerful, lively verbs give my writing energy.
- ✓ You won't find clutter. Every word counts!

Sentence Fluency

- ✓ My writing is smooth and easy to read on the first try. It flows!
- ✓ Sentences begin in many different ways. I ONLY used repetition for emphasis.
- ✓ If you used dialogue, it sounds so real you can perform it like a play.

Conventions and Presentation

- ✓ A reader will have to look hard to find errors in my paper!
- ✓ I used conventions to make my message clear and bring out the voice.
- ✓ I edited this paper carefully, reading aloud. It is ready to publish.