

Writing Rubric

Focus and Unity

	How clearly does the writing present a central idea, opinion, or thesis?	How well does everything go together?
<p>4 Wow!</p>	<p>The writing expresses a clear central idea or opinion about the topic.</p>	<p>Everything in the writing goes together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main idea of each paragraph goes with the central idea of the paper. • The main idea and details within each paragraph are related. • The conclusion is about the central idea.
<p>3 Aaah.</p>	<p>The writing expresses a <u>generally</u> clear central idea or opinion about the topic.</p>	<p>Most parts of the writing go together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main idea of most paragraphs goes with the central idea of the paper. • In most paragraphs, the main idea and details are related. • Most of the conclusion is about the central idea.
<p>2 Hmm.</p>	<p>The writing includes a topic, but the central idea or opinion is not clear.</p>	<p>Some parts of the writing go together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main idea of some paragraphs goes with the central idea of the paper. • In some paragraphs, the main idea and details are related. • Some of the conclusion is about the central idea.
<p>1 Huh?</p>	<p>The writing includes many topics and does not express one central idea or opinion.</p>	<p>The parts of the writing do not go together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few paragraphs have a main idea, or the main idea does not go with the central idea of the paper. • Few paragraphs contain a main idea and related details. • None of the conclusion is about the central idea.