

Sample Generic 3–point
(Grades 3–11) Brief Writing Rubric

3	<p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintains adequate focus on the topic and has adequate supporting details • has a logical organizational pattern and conveys a sense of wholeness and completeness, although some lapses occur • provides adequate transitions in an attempt to connect ideas • uses adequate language and appropriate word choices for intended audience and purpose • includes sentences, or phrases where appropriate, that are somewhat varied in length and structure
2	<p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrates an inconsistent focus on the topic and includes some supporting details, but may include extraneous or loosely related details • shows an attempt at an organizational pattern, but exhibits little sense of wholeness and completeness • provides transitions which are weak or inconsistent • has a limited and predictable vocabulary which may not be appropriate for the intended audience and purpose • shows limited variety in sentence length and structure
1	<p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrates little or no focus and few supporting details which may be inconsistent or interfere with the meaning of the text • has little evidence of an organizational pattern or any sense of wholeness and completeness • provides transitions which are poorly utilized, or fails to provide transitions • has a limited or inappropriate vocabulary for the intended audience and purpose • has little or no variety in sentence length and structure