Standards Based Assessment Rubric Mode and Grade of Writing: Fourth Grade Persuasive

	Exceeds Expectations 4	Meets Expectations 3	Approaching Expectations 2	Expectations Not Met 1
Ideas	 The writer's position is clear and is identified in the opening statement. Maintains position throughout paper in a logical manner. Consistently supports a position with relevant evidence. 	 The writer's position is clear and identified in the paper. Maintains position throughout paper. Supports a position with relevant evidence. 	 The writer's position is evident, but may lack clarity. Does not maintain position consistently throughout paper. Supports a position, but all evidence may not be relevant. 	 The writer's position is not evident. Evidence of writer's position is not included in paper. Insufficient support or evidence.
Organization	 The structure presents main points and evidence in a logical and effective sequence. Excludes extraneous details and inappropriate information The conclusion effectively reinforces the writer's original position. 	 The structure presents main points and evidence in a logical sequence. Excludes extraneous details and inappropriate information The conclusion provides a sense of closure to the writing. 	 The structure has some evidence of sequence, but may not be effective. Excludes most extraneous details and inappropriate information, but may have minor digressions. The conclusion is evident, but may not be effective. 	The structure is not evident. Includes extraneous details and inappropriate information. The conclusion is not evident.
Style	 Uses a lively writing voice to engage the reader. Word choice conveys the writer's position in specific, vivid way. Uses an effective variety of sentence beginnings, structures, and lengths. 	Uses voice to engage the reader, but may not be consistent throughout the paper. Word choice conveys the writer's position in a functional way. Attempts to vary sentence beginnings, structures, and lengths.	Writer's voice is bland at times, and may not engage the reader. Word choice is limited and may fail to convey the writer's position. Uses little variety in sentence beginnings, structures, and lengths.	Writer's voice is not noticeable. Word choice does not convey the writer's position. Uses an assortment of incomplete and/or incorrect sentences.
Conventions	• Contains correct sentences, usage, grammar, and spelling that make the writer's ideas understandable.	Some errors are present, but they do not interfere with meaning.	Errors interrupt the flow of communication and may interfere with meaning.	Errors prevent the reader from understanding the writer's message.