

(BMS) Georgia Grade 8 Writing Assessment: Scoring Rubric

Student: _____ Date: _____ Persuasive/Expository

5- full command, 4- consistent control, 3- sufficient control, 2- minimal control, 1- lack of control

Domain 1: IDEAS- The degree to which the writer establishes controlling ideas and elaborates the main points with examples, illustrations, facts, or details that are appropriate to assigned genre.

- controlling idea is focused to topic/purpose
- supporting ideas are relevant
- supporting ideas are fully developed
- fully addresses readers concerns/perspective
- sense of completeness
- awareness of genre (expository or persuasive)

Domain 2: Organization- The degree to which the writer's ideas are arranged in a clear order and the overall structure of the response is consistent with the assigned genre.

- organization strategy is appropriate to topic for communication
- logical sequencing of ideas
- engaging introduction/ conclusion provides resolution
- introduction & conclusion fit purpose and genre
- supporting ideas are grouped in a logical manner
- effective/varied transitions (ideas and paragraphs)

Domain 3: Style- The degree to which the writer controls language to engage the reader.

- phrases and sentences create a tone to advance purpose
- writer is aware of audience
- engaging language is appropriate to assigned genre
- use of figurative and technical language used for rhetorical effect
- sustained attention to audience
- varied sentence length, structure, beginnings
- variety of genre-appropriate strategies to engage the reader

Domain 4: Conventions- The degree to which the writer demonstrates control of sentence formation, usage, and mechanics.

- clear and correct simple, complex, and compound sentences with correct end punctuation
- variety of subordination and coordination strategies
- correct usage in a variety of contexts: subject-verb agreement, word forms, pronoun-antecedent agreement
- correct punctuation within sentences, spelling, capitalization, and paragraph indentation

Ideas _____ X 2 = _____

Organization _____ X 1 = _____

Style _____ X 1 = _____

Conventions _____ X 1 = _____

Total Score