

Simplified Arizona Six Trait Rubric

Recreated by Valeri Angus, Powell Junior High, Mesa AZ, from the state of Arizona 6-trait rubric

	Word Choice		Sentence Fluency		Voice
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Rich, broad, range of words, carefully chosen *Powerful word choices that energize the writing *Slang, if used, seems purposeful, effective *Vocabulary striking, varied 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Effective flow and rhythm *Sentences flow effortlessly into one another *Extensive variation in sentence structure, beginnings *Strong control over simple/complex sentence structure 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Exceptionally strong sense of audience, topic, purpose *Strong sense that the topic has come alive *Engaging, lively, honest, exciting, humorous *Obviously aware of reader
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Broad, range of words, carefully chosen *Word choices that energize the writing *Slang, if used, seems effective *Vocabulary varied 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Easy flow and rhythm *Sentences flow into one another *Variation in sentence length, structure, beginnings *Control over simple/complex sentence structure 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Strong sense of audience, topic, purpose *Sense that the topic has come alive *Engaging, lively, honest *Awareness of reader
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Variety of words that are functional/ appropriate *Words that work but do not energize the writing *Slang, if used, not effective *Attempts at colorful language are overdone 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Flow and rhythm little less than fluid *Sentences flow but may lack rhythm/grace *Some repeated patterns in sentence length, structure, beginnings *Strong control over simple sentence structure 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Some sense of audience, topic, purpose *Inappropriately casual or stiff *Glimpse of liveliness *Awareness of reader
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Generic word choice, familiar words/phrases *Words that work but don't capture interest *Expression mundane, general *Reliance on slang 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Flow and rhythm mechanical instead of fluid *Sentences flow but may cause reader to slow down *Repeated patterns in sentence length, structure, beginnings *Control over simple sentence structure 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Limited sense of audience, topic, purpose *Writing is mechanical *Little glimpse of writer *Awareness of reader is unclear
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Words are colorless, flat, imprecise *Monotonous repetition *Worn expression that detracts from the message *Images are fuzzy or absent 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Choppy and rambling *Awkward sentences force reader to slow down *Sentence patterns monotonous *Little control over even simple sentence structure 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lack awareness of audience, topic, purpose *Writing is mechanical *Little glimpse of writer *Awareness of reader is unclear
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Limited vocabulary *Words that do not fit text *Words imprecise, wrong *Vague language hides meaning of message 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Difficult to follow *Sentences incomplete, rambling, very awkward *Confusing word order *No control over even simple sentence structure 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lack of awareness of audience, topic, purpose *Writing is flat/ lifeless *No hint of writer behind words *No sense of interaction between reader/ writer

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	Conventions		Ideas/Content		Organization
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No significant errors *Easy to read *Little or no need for editing 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Exceptionally clear, focused, interesting *Main ideas stand out *Rich details, well-suited to audience, purpose 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Order/structure move reader through text *Effective/creative beginnings/endings *Smooth transitions *Details fit where placed
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Few errors *Easy to read *Little need for editing 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Clear, focused, interesting *Main idea clear *Suitable details, well-suited to audience, purpose 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Order/ structure strong *Effective beginning/ ending *Effective transitions *Details fit where placed
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Minor errors *Easy to read, despite errors *Moderate need for editing 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Clear, focused *Main idea present *Details relevant, but may be general or simple, possible not suited to audience, purpose 	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Order/ structure present, but may seem formulaic *Recognizable beginning/ ending *Transitions formulaic *Details fit for the most part
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Some errors *Readable *Significant need for editing 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Understandable but not completely effective *Main idea understandable, but broad, simple *Details limited, overly general, not suited to audience, purpose 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Order/structure is inconsistent *Beginnings/ ending present but too obvious *Transitions sometimes work *Details not always effective
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Frequent, significant errors *Slow to read *Substantial editing needed 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Somewhat unclear *Main idea may require inference by reader *Detail development is attempted but minimal. *Not suited to audience/ purpose 	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Clear order/ structure lacking *Extremely underdeveloped beginning/ending *Lack of transitions *Details randomly placed
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Extensive errors *Difficult to read *Extensive editing needed 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lacks focus *Main idea missing *Details are limited over simply unclear, audience/ purpose not addressed 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Order/ structure haphazard, disjointed *No beginning/ end evident *Lack of transitions *Details confusing, obscuring points