
Standards for Non-Fiction Writing

Ideas/Development *My Writing:*

- has a clear topic of manageable size
- is clear, purposeful, and substantive
- provides supportive details
- creates vivid pictures and holds the reader's interest

Organization *My Writing:*

- invites the reader in with a good introduction
- has thoughtful transitions to link ideas
- has a logical and effective sequence
- has a conclusion that ties up loose ends

Sentence Fluency *My Writing:*

- uses sentences that have rhythm and flow
- uses phrasing that is smooth and not awkward
- uses sentence that vary in length and structure
- includes fragments that are intentional, for style

Voice/Audience Awareness *My Writing:*

- is lively and engaging and makes the reader want to keep reading
- makes the reader feel connected to the topic or author
- has a clear purpose and sense of audience

Word Choice *My Writing:*

- uses verbs that breathe life and energy
- uses words that convey ideas precisely
- uses language that suits the topic and audience
- uses original and clever phrasing

Written Language Conventions *After editing, my writing:*

- has correct spelling, punctuation and capitalization
- has correct grammar, usage and paragraphing