

Holistic WASL Rubric Aligned with Six Traits

	WASL Content, Organization, Style Description	Traits
4	- maintains consistent focus on the topic and has ample supporting details	Ideas & Content
	- has a logical organizational pattern and conveys a sense of completeness and wholeness	Organization
	- provides transitions which clearly serve to connect to connect ideas	Organization
	- uses language effectively by exhibiting word choices that are engaging and appropriate for intended audience and purpose	Word Choice
	- includes sentences , or phrases where appropriate, of varied length and structure	Sentence Fluency
	- allows the reader to sense the person behind the words	Voice
3	- maintains adequate focus on the topic and has adequate supporting details	Ideas & Content
	- has a logical organization pattern and conveys a sense of wholeness and completeness, although some lapses occur	Organization
	- provides adequate transitions in an attempt to connect ideas	Organization
	- uses effective language and appropriate word choices for intended audience and purpose	Word Choice
	- includes sentences , or phrases where appropriate, that are somewhat varied in length and structure	Sentence Fluency
	- provides the reader with some sense of person behind the words	Voice
2	- demonstrates an inconsistent focus and includes some supporting details , but may include extraneous or loosely related material	Ideas & Content
	- shows an attempt at an organizational pattern , but exhibits little sense of wholeness or completeness	Organization
	- provides transitions which are weak or inconsistent	Organization
	- has a limited or predictable vocabulary which may not be appropriate for the intended audience and purpose	Word Choice
	- shows limited variety in sentence length and structure	Sentence Fluency
	- attempts somewhat to give the reader a sense of the person behind the words	Voice
1	- demonstrates little or no focus and few supporting details which may be inconsistent or interfere with the meaning of the text	Ideas & Content
	- has little evidence of an organizational pattern or any sense of wholeness and completeness	Organization
	- provides transitions which are poorly utilized , or fails to provide transitions	Organization
	- has a limited or inappropriate vocabulary for the intended audience and purpose	Word Choice
	- has little or no variety in sentence length and structure	Sentence Fluency
	- provides the reader with little or no sense of person behind the words	Voice

	WASL Conventions Description	Traits
2	- consistently follows the rules of standard English for usage	Conventions
	- consistently follows the rules of standard English for spelling of commonly used words	
	- consistently follows the rules of standard English for capitalization and punctuation	
	- consistently exhibits the use of complete sentences except where purposeful phrases or clauses are used for effect	
	- indicates paragraphs consistently	
1	- generally follows the rules of standard English for usage	Conventions
	- generally follows the rules of standard English for spelling of commonly used words	
	- generally follows the rules of standard English for Capitalization and punctuation	
	- generally exhibits the use of complete sentences except where purposeful phrases are used for effect	
	- indicates paragraphs for the most part	
0	- mostly does not follow the rules of standard English for: usage spelling of commonly used words capitalization and punctuation	Conventions
	- exhibits errors in sentence structure that impede communication	
	- mostly does not indicate paragraphs	
	- response is "I don't know", response is a question mark (?); response is one word;	

response is only the title of the prompt; or the prompt is simply recopied