

The Sweet 16

16 FEATURES OF GOOD WRITING

Ideas	Organization	Style	Grammar
<p>1 UNITY</p> <p>You have one clear thesis that responds to the assigned task, and all the ideas in your essay help to support that thesis.</p>	<p>5 INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Your first paragraph engages the reader and introduces a clear thesis or purpose.</p>	<p>9 CONCISENESS</p> <p>You express ideas simply and clearly, without wasted words or unnecessary repetition.</p>	<p>13 SENTENCE SENSE</p> <p>Your writing is free of run-on sentences and fragments.</p>
<p>2 INSIGHT</p> <p>Your ideas are thoughtful and stimulating, yet reasonable and true to the material.</p>	<p>6 PARAGRAPHING</p> <p>Each body paragraph sticks to one idea; and each idea is discussed in only one body paragraph.</p>	<p>10 VOCABULARY</p> <p>Your choice of words is interesting and precise, but not pretentious.</p>	<p>14 GRAMMAR & USAGE</p> <p>You follow the rules of standard English.</p>
<p>3 ARGUMENT</p> <p>You prove your ideas clearly, logically, and completely. You fully prepare the reader to understand each sentence and its purpose in your paper.</p>	<p>7 FLOW</p> <p>Your main ideas are presented in a logical and effective order, made clear via topic sentences, paragraph conclusions, and transitions.</p>	<p>11 SENTENCE STRUCTURE</p> <p>Your sentences are strong, graceful, and suitably varied in length and structure.</p>	<p>15 MECHANICS</p> <p>Your spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are correct.</p>
<p>4 EVIDENCE</p> <p>The quality and quantity of evidence strongly supports your ideas, and shows thorough knowledge of the material.</p>	<p>8 CONCLUSION</p> <p>You conclude with a graceful reminder of your thesis.</p>	<p>12 VIVIDNESS</p> <p>You enliven your writing with concrete language, fresh and specific detail, and metaphor without cliché.</p>	<p>16 FORMAT</p> <p>You follow the conventions of format and documentation.</p>