

Personal Writing Criteria Chart

<i>Traits</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of ideas (details, examples, explanations, senses (see, feel, hear, smell)) Analysis (think why), complexity (many parts)• Strong point of view, thoughts, opinions, reaction (shows individuality)• Ideas are all connected to topic	Meaning & Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear language with a variety of sentence lengths• Descriptive words/phrases that effectively help make mind pictures (<i>similes and metaphors</i>)• Uses a variety of transition/connecting words or phrases	Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening states topic, purpose and context, and catches readers attention• Focused paragraphs (ideas and details)• Effective ending (summarizes ideas)	Form
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Correct basic spelling• Correct use of periods, commas, capitals, quotations• Follows rules of English grammar (verb tense, plurals, etc.)	Punctuation