

## ARKANSAS WRITING RUBRIC

Score	Content	Style	Sentence Formation	Usage	Mechanics
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <b>Consistent Control</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear central idea</li> <li>• Elaboration and details support central idea</li> <li>• Fully elaborated</li> <li>• Clear organization</li> <li>• Presence of closure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivid, precise vocabulary and information purposefully selected to affect reader</li> <li>• Sentence variety – beginnings, lengths</li> <li>• Strong voice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most sentences correct</li> <li>• Correct formation of complex sentences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent use of inflections, tenses, agreement, conventions</li> <li>• Doesn't have to be perfect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent display of capitalization, punctuation, formatting, and spelling</li> <li>• Does not have to be perfect</li> <li>• Forgive errors when attempting to spell difficult words</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b> <b>Reasonable Control</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central idea</li> <li>• May have slight digression but comes back to central idea</li> <li>• Elaboration not as complete – may be uneven or a bit repetitive</li> <li>• Some lapses in organization</li> <li>• Sense of closure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spotty use of vivid vocabulary and information</li> <li>• Presence of choppy sentences</li> <li>• Voice not strong throughout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct simple sentences</li> <li>• May attempt more complex sentences but with errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows some weakness in grammar skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some errors in one feature or few errors in several features</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b> <b>Inconsistent Control</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unclear central idea OR</li> <li>• More than one central idea</li> <li>• Shift focus not returning to central idea</li> <li>• Listy, highlights, plot summary – no elaboration</li> <li>• Random organization</li> <li>• Closure absent or simplistic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tells rather than shows with vocabulary and info</li> <li>• Not trying to affect reader</li> <li>• Short, simple sentences</li> <li>• Dim voice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns of errors – comma splice, run-on, word omissions, on and ons</li> <li>• More sentences with errors than without</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pattern of errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pattern of errors – usually across all features</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b> <b>Little/No Control</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No or unclear central idea – or many central ideas</li> <li>• No elaboration or elaboration unrelated - may be confusing,</li> <li>• Little or no organization</li> <li>• Repetitive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functional, basic vocabulary</li> <li>• Choppy sentences</li> <li>• Sentence problems detract</li> <li>• Voice flat because no use of precise, vivid vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One long sentence</li> <li>• No evidence of knowledge of sentence construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little knowledge of rules of grammar displayed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little knowledge of rules displayed</li> </ul>