

# ZPS Writing Traits Rubric

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Narrative or Informational

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Strategy	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Ideas &amp; Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Main idea</li> <li>•Supporting details</li> <li>•Focus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Clear and focused</li> <li>*Topic well developed with strong, relevant details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Generally clear and focused</li> <li>*Topic developed with appropriate details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Somewhat clear and focused</li> <li>*Topic developed with some supporting details, may have irrelevant details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Only occasionally clear</li> <li>*Topic development attempted, main idea too general or confused by irrelevant details</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Generally unclear and unfocused</li> <li>*Lacks central idea, development is minimal or not connected</li> </ul>
<b>Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Logical &amp; effective</li> <li>•Appropriate for topic &amp; audience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Effectively organized in a logical way</li> <li>*Engaging introduction and conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Well organized, structure moves reader smoothly through</li> <li>*Inviting introduction and conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Appropriate organization, but conventional</li> <li>*Obvious attempt at introduction and conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Effort to organize, may be more of a list</li> <li>*Not a well developed introduction and conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Lack of organization makes this pieces hard to follow</li> <li>*Weak introduction and conclusion</li> </ul>
<b>Voice (Style)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Feeling</li> <li>•Connection to audience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Passionate, compelling, shows emotion</li> <li>*Strong sense of audience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Expressive, engaging, sincere</li> <li>*Speaks to the reader</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Pleasant tone, not distinctive, sparks of interest</li> <li>*Appropriate to audience and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Mechanical or erratic</li> <li>*Lacks a sense of audience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Flat or lifeless</li> <li>*Style does not suit audience or purpose</li> </ul>
<b>Word Choice (Style)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Precise</li> <li>•Convey intended message</li> <li>•Create mental pictures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Carefully chosen words</li> <li>*Convey strong, fresh, vivid images</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Functional and appropriate</li> <li>*Some description</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Words correct but lack flair</li> <li>*Overuse of generalized words and modifiers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Monotonous, repetitious or immature</li> <li>*Conversational words rather than book language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Vocabulary is limited</li> <li>*May be inappropriate</li> </ul>
<b>Sentence Fluency (Style)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Way text sounds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Craftsmanship in sentence length and form</li> <li>*Sounds rhythmical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Good variety in sentence length and structure</li> <li>*Easy flow and rhythm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Some variation in length</li> <li>*Similar structure throughout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Lacking variety in length in structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Run-on and choppy sentences dominate</li> </ul>
<b>Conventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Punctuation</li> <li>•Spelling</li> <li>•Grammar Usage</li> <li>•Capitals</li> <li>•Spacing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Few, if any errors</li> <li>*Control over conventions beyond grade level expectations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Generally correct</li> <li>*Strong control of conventions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Occasionally errors, but minor</li> <li>*Enough skill to make paper easily read</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Frequent errors, inappropriate to grade level</li> <li>*Reader can still follow the piece</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Confuses many conventions</li> <li>*Errors make writing difficult to follow</li> </ul>