

Scoring Rubric: Description of a Place

Name _____ Date _____ Score: _____

	3 Exemplary	2 Developing	1 Beginning
Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Structure</i> • <i>Introduction</i> • <i>Conclusion</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively organized in a logical and creative manner. • Creative and engaging intro and conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The description has an organization, but it needs improvement. • Some transitions are used, but more are needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of structure; disorganized and hard to follow. • No introduction or conclusion.
Ideas and Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptionally clear, focused, engaging with relevant, strong supporting detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main idea may be cloudy because supporting detail is too general or even off topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks central idea; development is minimal or non-existent
Word Choice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Precision</i> • <i>Effectiveness</i> • <i>Imagery</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive, broad range of words • Word choice energizes writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words may be correct but mundane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited range of words. • Some vocabulary misused.
Sentence Fluency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Variety</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective variation in sentence patterns • Good length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many similar patterns and beginnings • Frequent run-on sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to follow. • Disjointed, confusing, rambling.
Conventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Spelling, capitalization, punctuation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong control of conventions. • Errors are few and minor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited control of conventions; • Frequent errors do not interfere with understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous errors distract the reader and make the text difficult to read.

Comments
