

Anticipatory Set Writing Rubric

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Focus on Topic (Content)	There is one clear, well-focused topic. Main idea stands out and is supported by detailed information.	Main idea is clear but the supporting information is general.	Main idea is somewhat clear but there is a need for more supporting information.	The main idea is not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information.
Writes 3 to 5 lines	Student has written on topic and within the given criteria	The student has written more than 5 lines.	The student has written fewer than 3 lines.	The student has written nothing.

Oral Presentation Rubric

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Speaks Clearly	Speaks clearly and distinctly all (100-95%) the time, and mispronounces no words.	Speaks clearly and distinctly all (100-95%) the time, but mispronounces one word.	Speaks clearly and distinctly most (94-85%) of the time. Mispronounces no more than one word.	Often mumbles or can not be understood OR mispronounces more than one word.
Stays on Topic	Stays on topic all (100%) of the time.	Stays on topic most (99-90%) of the time.	Stays on topic some (89%-75%) of the time.	It was hard to tell what the topic was.
Content	Shows a full understanding of the topic.	Shows a good understanding of the topic.	Shows a good understanding of parts of the topic.	Does not seem to understand the topic very well.
Volume	Volume is loud enough to be heard by all audience members throughout the presentation.	Volume is loud enough to be heard by all audience members at least 90% of the time.	Volume is loud enough to be heard by all audience members at least 80% of the time.	Volume often too soft to be heard by all audience members.

Persuasive Essay : American Dream Essay

CATEGORY	4 - Above Standards	3 - Meets Standards	2 - Approaching Standards	1 – Below Standards	Score
Evidence and Examples	All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.	Most of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author's position.	At least one of the pieces of evidence and examples is relevant and has an explanation that shows how that piece of evidence supports the author's position.	Evidence and examples are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.	
Accuracy	All supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Almost all supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts and statistics were inaccurately reported.	
Sequencing	Arguments and support are provided in a logical order that makes it easy and interesting to follow the author's train of thought.	Arguments and support are provided in a fairly logical order that makes it reasonably easy to follow the author's train of thought.	A few of the support details or arguments are not in an expected or logical order, distracting the reader and making the essay seem a little confusing.	Many of the support details or arguments are not in an expected or logical order, distracting the reader and making the essay seem very confusing.	
Support for Position	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement. The writer anticipates the reader's concerns, biases or arguments and has provided at least 1 counter-argument.	Includes 3 or more pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 2 pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences) that support the position statement.	Includes 1 or fewer pieces of evidence (facts, statistics, examples, real-life experiences).	
Definition of the Dream	Includes an objective definition of the American Dream, as developed from all of the primary source readings, which has been worked effectively into the essay.	Includes a definition of the American Dream which seems to take into account at least one of the primary source readings.	Includes a definition of the American Dream, but fails to take into account the primary sources.	Contains no definition of the American Dream	

Rubric for Content of American Dream/Boxer Essay

Joe Palooka~

- ✓ Concerned about doing his duty and doing what is right.
- ✓ Common man
- ✓ Is capable of taking a great deal of punishment
- ✓ Represents the “little guy’ against the established power
- ✓ Has a good heart
- ✓ Is from a specific locale (coal mining town), but has a national interest

Bernard Hopkins~

- ✓ Growing up in a tough neighborhood, he got into trouble with the law and went to prison, but was able to rise above his mistakes with religion and perseverance.
- ✓ Earned his high school diploma.
- ✓ Fought through injury.
- ✓ Rose from poverty to become a world famous fighter and world champion.
- ✓ Challenged La Hoya, won, and learned to work with him for the success of others.
- ✓ Respects those who have overcome difficult environments to achieve success through hard work.

Joe Frazier~

- ✓ Rose from poverty to become a world famous fighter and world champion
- ✓ Unwilling to accept defeat in the Bonavena fight: defined him as a rugged and stubborn competitor.
- ✓ Defeated Ali in the first of their three matches
- ✓ The strength of his character, even in defeat, marks Frazier as a man that epitomizes King’s definition of a great American

Tommy Loughran~

- ✓ Grew up in a poor section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ✓ Became famous as the “Phantom of Philly”
- ✓ Fought successfully within and outside of his weight class
- ✓ Kept boxing after an injury caused him to alter his style
- ✓ Fought Primo Carnera, despite the huge size difference
- ✓ Religious faith played a role in his character
- ✓ Served his country in World War II
- ✓ Translated success in the ring into success after boxing as a speaker and investor.

Rocky Balboa~

- ✓ A good-hearted man who uses his opportunity to rise above his status as collector for a loan-shark when it presents itself.
- ✓ Like Revolutionary America, Rocky is an underdog versus the established champion.
- ✓ Interested in proving to himself that he has value, more than winning the fight.
- ✓ Sacrifice and hard work lead to self-discovery and achievement.
- ✓ Rocky understands that fame is subservient to personal accomplishment and true relationships.