

THE 6+1 TRAITS OF WRITING

1. IDEAS/CONTENT

BRAINSTORM YOUR IDEAS FOR WRITING (TOPIC AND CONTENT) USING FREE WRITING, WEBBING, OR OTHER GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS. IDEAS AND CONTENT SHOULD BE PRESENTED CLEARLY AND FULLY DEVELOPED FROM SUPPORTING SOURCES.

2. ORGANIZATION

WRITING SHOULD BE ORGANIZED LOGICALLY AND BE EASY TO FOLLOW.

3. WORD CHOICE

PRECISE AND EFFECTIVE WORD CHOICE ADDS CLARITY TO WRITING.

4. SENTENCE FLUENCY

SENTENCES SHOULD BE VARIED AND EFFECTIVE IN SOUND AND IN PURPOSE. WHEN READ ALOUD, A PAPER SHOULD SOUND FLUENT AND

EVEN RHYTHMIC. SHORT, STILTED SENTENCES IMPAIR READABILITY.

5. VOICE

THIS IS THE PERSONALITY AND CONVICTION OF THE WRITER SHOWING THROUGH THE WORDS.

6. CONVENTIONS

SPELLING, MECHANICS, USAGE, AGREEMENT ARE ALL CONVENTIONS OF WRITING. TOO MANY ERRORS IN CONVENTIONS IMPAIR READABILITY.

+1 PRESENTATION

THIS IS HOW THE PAPER LOOKS. IS IT TYPED ACCORDING TO A FORMAT? DOES IT HAVE A TITLE PAGE? PRESENTATION AFFECTS READABILITY.