

# Writing Assessment Scoring

## Score 6: Outstanding

Demonstrates evident stand on issue  
Constructed with well organized multiple paragraphs  
Contains few mechanical and grammatical errors  
Elaborates on key ideas in paragraphs  
Contains varied sentence structure and sophisticated vocabulary  
Utilizes literary techniques such as similes (comparisons with word such as "like," "as," or "than" example: *as sweet as honey*) and metaphors (comparison between two seemingly unrelated subjects example: *Bucking for a raise. Caged emotions.*)  
Provides an introduction and a summary  
Has a "hook" to get the reader interested (examples: a question, catchy phrase, or a quote)

## Score 5: Strong

Demonstrates evident stand on issue  
Constructed with generally well organized/developed paragraphs  
Elaborates on some key ideas  
Contains some varied sentence structure and sophisticated vocabulary  
Has few errors in mechanics and grammar usage

## Score 4: Competent

Demonstrates evident stand on issue  
Demonstrated adequately organized/developed paragraphs  
Explains/illustrates key ideas  
Provides adequate facility in the use of vocabulary and some varied sentence structure  
Has some errors in mechanics and grammar usage

## Score 3: Limited

Demonstrates stand on issue  
Has Inadequate organization and paragraphs are not developed (short essay)  
Does not explain and develop key ideas  
Has limited or inappropriate vocabulary  
Has an accumulation of errors in mechanics, grammar usage, and sentence structure

## Score 2: Flawed

Demonstrates stand on issue  
Demonstrates weak organization/not developed (short essay)  
Provides little or no relevant details  
Has limited or inappropriate vocabulary  
Contains serious errors in mechanics, grammar usage, sentence structure, or word choice

## Score 1: Deficient

Demonstrates no stand on the issue  
Contains incoherent paragraphs or only one paragraph  
Has undeveloped thoughts and no details  
Contains serious and persistent writing errors throughout