

## Essay Scoring Rubric

<b>Story</b>	<b>Voice</b>	<b>Word Choice</b>	<b>Punctuation</b>
<p>10 pts</p> <p>The narrative tells about an unforgettable experience. The details make the story truly memorable.</p>	<p>10 pts</p> <p>The writer's voice is clear, distinctive, and is an important part of the writing.</p>	<p>10 pts</p> <p>Word choice is varied and shows an excellent lexicon. Specific nouns, strong verbs, and well-chosen modifiers paint a vivid image.</p>	<p>10 pts</p> <p>Punctuation and grammar are correct. The writing is free from all spelling errors.</p>
<p>5 pts</p> <p>The writer tells about an interesting experience. Details help create the interest. Not all details are relevant, or some are missing.</p>	<p>5 pts</p> <p>The writer's personal voice is evident but not fully developed. More is needed to make the story clear.</p>	<p>5 pts</p> <p>Specific nouns, strong verbs, but more modifiers and adjectives are needed.</p>	<p>5 pts</p> <p>The narrative has a few minor errors in the punctuations, spelling, or grammar.</p>
<p>1 point</p> <p>The writer does not adequately tell a story. More details are needed.</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>The voice is weak, unclear, and/or too passive.</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>General and overused words do not create a clear picture.</p>	<p>1 point</p> <p>Many errors make the writing confusing and hard to read.</p>