

	1 <u>Beginning:</u> Searching, exploring, struggling: looking for a sense of purpose or way to begin	2 <u>Emerging:</u> Moments that trigger reader's /writer's questions-stories/ideas buried within the text	3. <u>Developing:</u> Writer begins to take control, begins to shape ideas-writing gaining definite direction, momentum, sense of purpose	4 <u>Maturing:</u> More control, writer has confidence to experiment-about a draft away	5 <u>Strong:</u> Writer in control-skillfully shaping and directing the writing-evidence of fine-tuning.
IDEAS	Perplexing, purpose-free, searching for ideas, topic not yet identified, doesn't show or tell, prewriting, brainstorming	Murky, exploring, writer struggling, cliché, topic not clear, random thoughts, a bare beginning.	Solid first draft, but superficial, general statements, topic too big, tells but doesn't show, skimpy support, functional, coming into focus, just a taste, leans toward the obvious-predictable	Intriguing possibilities, gaining momentum, beginning to dig and question, focused, purposeful, insightful, clear, shows more than tells, informative interesting tidbits	Satisfying, intriguing, meaningful, shows, sumptuous detail, surprises, specific, vivid, captivating, the voice of experience.
ORGANIZATION	Muddled, run that by me again...huh? No sense of beginning, where did that come from?	Jumbled, drags its feet, then races ahead, Grand Canyon sized, tangled in trivia	Still taking aim, make your own connections, formula writing (5 paragraph theme), continuity comes and goes, pacing irregular, some bumpy spots, recognizable introduction and ending, you'd like to rearrange a few things	Strong introduction, competent, easy to follow, journey of discovery, holds together, creative, movement and pacing clear connections	Every part adds to the whole, purpose and direction, beautiful architecture, logical, but with flair, the ending lingers in your mind, sense of resolution, a real lead, hooks you-and keeps you hooked.