

Ideas & Content	Sentence Fluency
-Clear & Focused -Impressive knowledge of topic -Clear main idea and intriguing details	-Easy to read -Stunning variety of length and style -Dances along like a lively script
-Clear & Focused -In-depth knowledge of topic -Clear main idea supported by details	-Can be read with expression -Significant variety in length and style -Easy going flow and rhythm
-Mostly clear and focused -Writer knows topic in general terms -Details outweigh generalities	-Natural phrasing -Some variety in length and style -Rhythmic flow dominates—a few awkward moments
-Some undeveloped text -Very common knowledge -Weak main idea with few details	-Mechanical but readable -Repetitive beginnings with little variety in length -Choppy text
-Lacks a clear vision -Broad details -Main idea wanders in and out	-You can read it if you're patient -Minimal variety in length and style -Many run-ons and choppy sentences
-Very foggy -Random thoughts -Bits of info in search of main idea	-Hard to read -No variety in length or style -Missing words and irregular structure

We've been working on recognizing our sentence structure. Now we're going to have a chance to put this to the test. You will be given several writing prompts, and you will choose one as your topic. Your goal is simple: Write 12-16 sentences about your topic. You will be graded on your sentence variety and ideas & content. You will be typing your paper in MLA format and printing it to turn in on Tuesday, September 29. Please look at the rubric to understand how your writing will be graded. Each trait has a maximum of 6, so adding that up together is 12. You will receive 3 points for using the correct MLA format bringing the total of the assignment to 15. Here are your choices for your writing topics:

1. What scares you the most? Why?
2. Describe a few signs of fall. Paint a mental picture to the reader about autumn in your city.
3. Describe the first time you saw the ocean. What was it like?
4. Write a description of your favorite relative.
5. Describe a memorable moment at the beach.