

Six Trait plus 1 Writing

Ideas

- The topic is narrow and manageable.
- The ideas are clear and make sense.
- The details support the idea.

Organization

- The writing has an inviting beginning.
- The order of the details makes sense.
- The writing has a meaningful ending.

Voice

- The writing matches the purpose and audience.
- The author cares about the writing.
- The tone and style are engaging.

Word Choice

- Specific and descriptive words are used.
- The writing uses fresh words and phrases.
- The writing paints a picture with words.

Sentence Fluency

- The sentences have different beginnings and patterns.
- The sentences are well constructed.
- The piece is easy to read aloud.

Conventions

- Spelling is correct.
- Punctuation is present and accurate.
- Capitals are used correctly.
- Grammar and usage are correct.
- Logical paragraphing is present.

Presentation

- The writing is written or typed neatly.
- When desired, visual aids or illustrations add clarity.
- The overall look is pleasing.