

## TAKS WRITING RUBRIC REDUX

Trait	Criteria	1	2	3	4
<b>FOCUS/COHERENCE</b>	<i>Focus of Paragraphs and Composition</i>	Not  Abrupt shifts (gaps)	Somewhat  Quick shifts	Mostly  Clear relationship between ideas	Sustained  Easy to see how ideas relate
	<i>Sense of Completeness</i>	Little or no	Some	Has	Has
	<i>Introduction/Conclusion</i>	Missing/Perfunctory	Superficial	Add some depth	Meaningful/Depth
	<i>Writing Contributes</i>	Extraneous tangents	Some extraneous	Most contributes	Most, if not all, contributes
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<i>Progression of Thought</i>	Not logical	Not always smooth	Mostly smooth and controlled	Smooth and controlled
	<i>Transitions</i>	Missing or don't make sense	Weak	Mostly meaningful	Meaningful
	<i>Organizational Strategy</i>	Not evident Random/Haphazard	Not effective	Mostly effective	Clear and effective
	<i>Wordiness/Repetition</i>	Stall progression	May stall progression	Minor	
<b>IDEA DEVELOPMENT</b>	<i>Development (LAYERED)</i>	Little or no	Lists ideas and briefly explains	Attempts to develop ideas	Each idea specifically developed
	<i>Depth of Thought</i>	General/vague  Plot summary	Superficial  General, contrived and inconsistent	Mostly  Some thought	Each idea  Thoughtful Insightful Unusual/Unique Interesting connections
		Omits information Big gaps	Omits a bit	No risk	Takes risks
<b>VOICE</b>	<i>Engages Reader/ Connects</i>	Doesn't	Moments	Mostly	Throughout
	<i>Authentic and Original Perspective (World View)</i>	Isn't	Sections are	Mostly	Individual/Unique
<b>CONVENTIONS</b>	<i>Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation, Usage, and Sentence Structure</i>	Little or no evidence  Difficult to read  Awkward sentences	Limited control  Fluency Weakened  Simple  Inaccurate WC  Limit understanding	Good command  Minor errors  Mostly appropriate	Strong/Enhances  Contributes to effectiveness  Attempts at sophistication may cause errors