

Student's Name: _____
 City, School: _____

Classification: _____

TAPPS READY WRITING JUDGING RUBRIC

Evaluation criteria are listed in the order of importance. Circle score rating in each of the three major areas of *interest, organization, and correctness* of style. Check the column which best describes the quality in each of the sub-areas.

**** (60%) INTEREST: Writing exhibits originality of thought, analytical acuteness, and overall coherence.**

	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Perceptive ideas demonstrating acute analysis	_____	_____	_____	_____
Originality	_____	_____	_____	_____
Examples with clear support for established position	_____	_____	_____	_____
Title tied to the essay	_____	_____	_____	_____
CIRCLE TOTAL NUMBER for this section	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18			

**** (30%) ORGANIZATION: Each paragraph develops one idea and contributes to an understanding of the thesis.**

	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Clear thesis establishing a clear position	_____	_____	_____	_____
Well-developed paragraphs, focused on one idea, each tying back to the thesis	_____	_____	_____	_____
Transition between paragraphs	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thesis support from each paragraph	_____	_____	_____	_____
Organizational clarity (as a whole) each paragraph flowing together	_____	_____	_____	_____
CIRCLE TOTAL NUMBER for this section		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		

**** (10%) CORRECTNESS OF STYLE: Each paragraph must use proper grammar, mechanics, spelling, and usage.**

	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Punctuation: commas, semi-colons, apostrophes, etc.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sentence structure: simple, compound, compound/complex	_____	_____	_____	_____
Grammar: verb tense, pronoun agreement avoid- 1 st & 2 nd person, contractions, passive voice	_____	_____	_____	_____
Word usage: strong vocabulary, concrete nouns, active verbs, appropriate modifiers	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spelling	_____	_____	_____	_____
CIRCLE TOTAL NUMBER for this section			1 2 3	

TOTAL SCORE: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS