

- A** Form and content demonstrate focused attention to purpose and audience. The writing exhibits all or most important formal and rhetorical characteristics of the genre(s) represented. Varied and complex strategies of development are used effectively. Few if any errors in grammar and mechanics occur. Style and usage are consistently effective, conveying a strong sense of clarity and coherence that enhances content. Research is well executed, with appropriate and varied sources types and few if any errors in integrating and documenting sources. Critical reading of sources is consistently evident. Mastery of the technologies required for writing and research is shown. The writing is consistently well developed, meeting or exceeding all minimum length expectations.
- B** In most cases form and content show careful attention to purpose and audience. The writing demonstrates most or many of the important formal and rhetorical features of the genre(s) represented. Varied and modestly complex strategies of development are used effectively in most cases. A few minor and mainly random errors in grammar and mechanics are evident. Style and usage are generally effective, conveying an overall sense of clarity and coherence. Research is generally competent and appropriate, with some variety of source types and infrequent, minor errors in integrating and documenting sources. Reading comprehension is generally strong, with some critical understanding of sources evident. A clear facility with most technologies required for writing and research is shown. The writing is generally well developed, meeting or exceeding minimum length requirements in most cases.
- C** Form and content exhibit a modest, but inconsistent attention to purpose and audience. The writing utilizes some but not all-important formal and rhetorical characteristics of the genre(s) represented. Occasional, but inconsistent use of a limited number of basic strategies of development is shown. Grammar and mechanics are competent but unimpressive, with mainly random and minor errors evident. Style and usage are generally adequate, but unremarkable. Research is competent, but with little variety of source types and a number of errors in integrating and documenting sources. General reading comprehension of sources is demonstrated, but only occasional critical insight. The most common writing and research technologies needed are used adequately. Minimum expectations for length and development are generally met, but not exceeded.
- D** Form and content demonstrate little and inconsistent attention to purpose and audience. The writing exhibits few of the important formal and rhetorical characteristics of the genre(s) represented. Infrequent or ineffective use of a very limited number of strategies of development is shown. Frequent, systematic, and sometimes major errors in grammar and mechanics are evident. Style and usage are inconsistent and sometimes inappropriate, at times challenging understanding. Research is inconsistent, with occasionally inappropriate or limited source types and regular errors in integrating and documenting sources. Reading comprehension of sources is inconsistent, with very little critical insight. The writing exhibits weak use of basic writing and research technologies. The writing generally struggles to meet basic expectations for length and development.
- F** Form and content show no clear attention to purpose and audience. The writing exhibits few formal or rhetorical characteristics of the genre(s) represented. Little ability to use even the most basic strategies of development is evident. Grammar and mechanics are consistently weak, with major systematic errors occurring frequently. Inappropriate style and non-standard usages often obscure meaning. Research is weakly executed, with inappropriate or limited source types and frequent errors in integrating and documenting sources. Reading comprehension of sources is severely limited. The writing shows limited facility with the basic technologies of writing or research. Writing consistently fails to meet basic expectations for length and development.