

RUBRIC FOR IDEAS

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| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My paper is crystal clear from the first sentence to the last. It is easy to tell what my main idea is.• Every detail relates plainly to my main idea. My paper is focused.• I know this topic well, and the reader can tell that by reading my paper.• I was careful to choose interesting, unusual details that would keep readers reading. |
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| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This paper makes sense. It is not confusing or vague. I think this topic is well-defined and manageable; it's not too big• Almost everything I write relates to my main idea.• I know quite a bit about this topic.• Most of my details go beyond the obvious. The reader may gain some insight or learn one or two interesting things by reading. |
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| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The reader can tell what my main idea is. I may have a moment of confusing or vague writing. This topic still needs to be smaller.• Most of what I write relates to my main idea.• I know some things about this topic. If I knew more, or if I'd thought about it more, the paper would be stronger.• Some interesting or unusual details stand out. At other moments, I let my writing get too general, or I repeated things |
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| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The reader can probably guess what my main idea is. Some parts are not clear, though. I think it would help to make this topic smaller.• Some of this information isn't really related to my main idea.• I needed to know more about this topic to do a really good job.• I have a few interesting details. But the reader must hunt for them. A lot of this writing is general information everyone knows. |
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| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My main idea is hard to figure out. I think the reader will wonder what it is I am trying to say. Maybe my topic is too big.• A lot of this information does not relate to my main idea;• I do not know much about my topic. Mostly I wrote to fill space.• I need a lot more detail. This does not say much. |
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| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I do not even have a main idea. I wrote whatever came into my head.• This is just a list of facts or events.• This is unclear and confusing. Most readers will not keep reading.• I really don't include any details. |
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