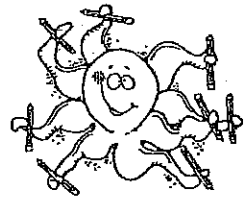


Qualities of Six Traits Writing



Ideas

- Details help create mental images
- Clarity and focus
- Show not tell writing
- Unusual details that stretch beyond the mundane

Organization

- The lead hooks the reader from the start
- Patterns
- Internal structure
- Ideas flow from one thought to the next gracefully
- Transitions
- Sequence
- Satisfying conclusion

Voice

- Writing has heart
- You can hear the authors voice as you read
- Lively engaging topic
- The author invites the audience into his thinking
- The topic is addressed appropriately in relationship to the audience

Word Choice

- Words create a clear picture in reader's mind
- Words are creative, original, and effective
- Words match topic, audience, and purpose
- Strong verbs and explicit nouns present
- Technical terms are used appropriately and defined when necessary

Sentence Fluency

- Smooth flowing
- Piece is easily picked up and read without practice
- Sentence beginnings are varied
- Varied length of sentences
- Transitions are smooth

Conventions

- Presentation is neat and appropriate for mode
- Spelling is correct
- Punctuation is correctly used
- Paragraphs are indented appropriately
- Dialogue is structured correctly
- Capitals are used when needed
- Nouns and verbs agree and grammar is used correctly