

CAHSEE Writing Rubric

Student Author: _____ Prompt: _____

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<p>Addressing the Prompt*</p> <p><small>*Prompt= the directions for writing</small></p>	This essay clearly addresses ALL parts of the writing prompt	This essay addresses MOST of the writing prompt	This essay addresses PART of the writing prompt	What is this essay even about?	
<p>Thesis*</p> <p><small>*Thesis = main idea that is the point of the whole essay</small></p>	This essay has a clear, strong, obvious thesis	This essay has an identifiable thesis	The thesis is weak or hard to identify	There is no thesis to be found	
<p>Organization*</p> <p><small>*Organization = obvious introduction; supporting body paragraphs that begin with topic sentences; short, clear conclusion.</small></p>	The content of this essay is clearly and effectively organized and it flows smoothly	This essay is organized; all necessary paragraphs are in place, but it could flow better	There are paragraphs, but they don't flow in a clear order; one or more elements may be missing	There are no clear paragraphs	
<p>Support & Evidence* for Thesis</p> <p><small>*Support/Evidence = examples & explanations</small></p>	The support/evidence makes the reader agree with and/or completely understand the thesis	The support/evidence fits with the thesis but isn't all that strong	The support/evidence is pretty weak and/or doesn't relate to the thesis	There is no support/evidence and/or it is unrelated or confusing	
<p>Sentence Fluency*</p> <p><small>*Sentence Fluency = sentences are clear, interesting, varied, and flow together nicely</small></p>	Sentences use precise, descriptive language and have variety	Sentences give some description and have some variety	Sentences are basic and all sound very much the same	The language is too simple: no variety and limited vocabulary	
<p>Language Conventions*</p> <p><small>*Language Conventions = correct grammar, spelling & punctuation</small></p>	Only minor, unimportant mistakes (and not very many!)	There are some mistakes but the essay is still totally understandable	Some parts are hard to read because of mistakes	Too many mistakes make the whole essay hard to read	
Notes:					Total Score:

