

Mini-Q Rubric

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Emerging
Content and Development	Presents a clear and central idea about the topic. Fully develops the central idea with specific, relevant details. Sustains focus on the central idea throughout the writing.	Presents a central idea about the topic. Develops the central idea but details are general, or the elaboration may be inconsistent.	Central idea may be unclear. Details need elaboration to clarify the central idea. Focus may shift or be lost causing confusion for the reader.	There is no clear central idea. Details are sparse and confusing. There is no sense of focus.
Organization	Has an effective introduction, body, and conclusion. Provides a smooth progression of ideas by using appropriate transitional devices.	Has an introduction, body, and conclusion. Provides a logical progression of ideas.	Introduction, body, and conclusion may be ineffective. Provides a simplistic, repetitious, or random progression of ideas.	Introduction, body, or conclusion is absent. Presents information in random or illogical order.
Voice	Uses precise and/or vivid vocabulary appropriate for the topic. Phrasing is effective, not predictable or obvious. Varies sentence structure to promote continuity. Shows strong awareness of audience and task. Tone is consistent and appropriate.	Uses precise vocabulary appropriate for the topic. Phrasing is effective. Varies sentence structure to promote continuity. Shows awareness of audience and task. Tone is consistent and appropriate.	Uses both general and precise vocabulary. Phrasing may not be effective and may be predictable or obvious. Varies sentence structure to establishing less continuity. Shows awareness of audience and task. Tone is appropriate.	Uses simple vocabulary. Phrasing is repetitive or confusing. Shows little or no sentence variety. Shows little or no awareness of audience or task. Tone may be inappropriate.
Conventions	Provides evidence of a consistent and strong command of conventions.	Provides evidence of an adequate command of conventions.	Provides evidence of a limited command of conventions.	Provides little or no evidence a command of conventions.