

Letter Writing Assessment : Groups C and D

Directions: Write a letter to the U.S. War department from the perspective of the family members of the soldiers you studied. What decision would you make for the remains of your loved one? How do you want your loved one remembered? Be sure to include at least three facts from the sources you explored in your response.

Letter Writing Rubric: Groups C and D

| | Advanced | Proficient | Basic | Emerging |
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| Content | <p>Writing clearly addresses the prompt.</p> <p>Provides at least three pieces of evidence from the documents to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is drawn from three or more figures in the document packet.</p> | <p>Writing addresses the prompt.</p> <p>Provides at least two pieces of evidence from the documents to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is drawn from two figures in the document packet.</p> | <p>Writing addresses the prompt.</p> <p>Provides at least one piece of evidence from the documents to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is drawn from one figure in the document packet.</p> | <p>Writing does not adequately address the prompt.</p> <p>Provides no clear evidence to support ideas.</p> <p>Evidence is not drawn from figures in the document packet.</p> |
| Organization | <p>Letter begins with an appropriate salutation.</p> <p>Paragraph-length letter includes a clear introduction sentence, well-organized body sentences, and a concluding sentence.</p> <p>Letter ends with a complimentary close.</p> | <p>Letter begins with a salutation.</p> <p>Paragraph-length letter includes an introduction sentence, body sentences, and a concluding sentence.</p> <p>Letter ends with a complimentary close.</p> | <p>Letter begins with a salutation.</p> <p>Paragraph length letter is missing one of the following: an introduction sentence, adequate body sentences, or a concluding sentence.</p> <p>Letter ends with a complimentary close.</p> | <p>Letter lacks a salutation.</p> <p>Letter is not paragraph length.</p> <p>No clear introduction sentence, body sentences, and/or concluding sentence.</p> <p>Letter lacks a complimentary close.</p> |
| Conventions | <p>Clear control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and proper sentence formation.</p> | <p>Adequate control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation.</p> | <p>Limited control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation.</p> | <p>Minimal control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation.</p> |