

# THE 6-TRAIT ANALYTIC MODEL FOR WRITING ASSESSMENT

## 1. IDEAS

The ideas are the heart of the message, the content of the piece, the main theme, together with the details that enrich and develop that theme.

## 2. ORGANIZATION

Organization is the internal structure of a piece of writing, the thread of central meaning, the logical and sometimes intriguing pattern of the ideas.

## 3. VOICE

The voice is the heart and soul, the magic, the wit, along with the feeling and conviction of the individual writer coming out through the words.

## 4. WORD CHOICE

Word choice is the use of rich, colorful, precise language that moves and enlightens the reader.

## 5. SENTENCE FLUENCY

Sentence fluency is the rhythm and flow of the language, the sound of word patterns, the way in which the writing plays to the ear-not just to the eye.

## 6. CONVENTIONS

Conventions are the mechanical correctness of the piece-spelling, grammar and usage, paragraphing, use of capitals, and punctuation.

