

STAAR Composition Rubric
Way Oversimplified by Gretchen Bernabei

	Organization/ Progression <i>How clear?</i> (Clarity and movement)	Idea Development <i>How deep?</i> (Follow-through of thesis)	Use of Language and Conventions <i>How well?</i> (Word choice, sentence boundaries, and conventions)
1-2 Huh?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Inappropriate or unclear structure *Unclear details *Confusing *Sentence-to-sentence progression not logical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Not much connection to prompt *Unfocused *General *Thin development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Confusing word choice *Uncontrolled sentences *Lots of misspellings *What punctuation? *Hard to read aloud
3-4 Hmm...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Somewhat clear structure *Abrupt shifts *Connections not always clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Surface level ideas *Somewhat focused 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Vocabulary basic *Choppy but mostly correct. *Some minor disruptions to meaning *Can be read aloud with a little effort
5-6 Ok.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Logical connections *Effective, well-chosen details *Organizational strategies visible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Focused *Mixes generalities and specifics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Fluent sentences *Clear, precise vocabulary ., ' ! ?
7-8 Wow!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Coherent/focused *Organizational strategies *Details well chosen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Thought-provoking *Completely focused *Details use literary devices *Unusual perspective *Ideas connected in interesting ways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Diction makes impact *Variety in sentences *Fluent use of every grammatical and rhetorical tool ., ' ! ? - " "