

The TRAITS of GOOD WRITING



IDEAS

... refers to clear point, message, theme or story line, backed by important, carefully chosen details and supportive information.

ORGANIZATION

... refers to how a piece of writing is structured and ordered.

VOICE

... refers to the fingerprints of the writer on the page—the writer's own special, personal style coming through in the words, combined with concern for the informational needs and interests of the audience.

WORD CHOICE

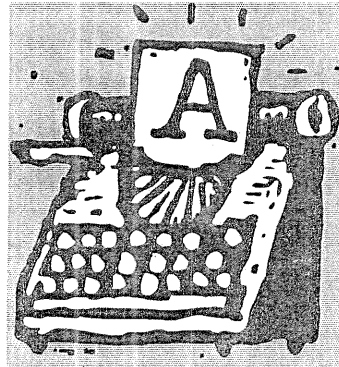
... refers to the language, phrasing, and the knack for choosing the "just right" word to get the message across.

SENTENCE FLUENCY

... refers to the rhythm and sound of the writing as it is read aloud.

CONVENTIONS

... refers to the editorial correctness and attention to any detail a copy editor would review, including: spelling, grammar and usage, capitalization, paragraph indentation, and punctuation.

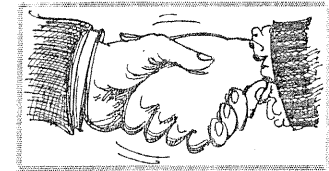


...+1 PRESENTATION

... refers to the overall visual affect of the written piece. How does this particular piece look in its final form?

TO OUR PARENTS...

The teachers and students of White Eagle Elementary School are engaged in an exciting writing model known as "6 +1 Writing Traits". This model is used for both writing instruction and assessment. The "traits" are a built-in part of what makes writing successful.



Through 6-trait writing, your student writer can:

- acquire a real sense of what makes some writing so good you can't stop reading
- write better first drafts
- revise with confidence and power
- read with new insight and understanding
- understand exactly what teachers are looking for in writing