

SIX WRITING TRAITS

IDEAS



Ideas are the heart of your piece: what you're writing about and the information you choose to write about it.

ORGANIZATION



Organization refers to the order of your ideas and the way you move from one idea to the next.

SENTENCE FLUENCY



Fluent sentences are easy to understand and fun to read with expression.

VOICE



Voice is how your writing feels to someone when they read it. Voice is the expression of your individual personality through words.

WORD CHOICE



Good writing uses just the right words to say just the right things.

CONVENTIONS



Conventions are the ways we all agree to use punctuation, spelling, grammar, and other things that make writing consistent and easy to read.

Some teachers to teach the "6+1 Writing Traits" style of writing.

The "+1" is *presentation*.

It's important for the writer to present a finished project that looks professional & polished and incorporates the other six traits.