







# 6 Traits of Writing Checklist

<b>Ideas</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I select a topic I know a lot about?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Is my topic narrow and clear?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I use lots of details and descriptions?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I stay on topic?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I try hard to make it interesting?</li></ul>
<b>Organization</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I pre-write my ideas first (Explore and Discovery Draft)?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do I have a beginning, middle, and end?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Are my ideas in an order that makes sense?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I connect my ideas with transitions?</li></ul>
<b>Voice</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do I care about my topic?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I write to an audience?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Can the reader tell how I feel about the topic?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do I have a favorite part?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Does this sound like ME?</li></ul>
<b>Word Choice</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I use any “JUICY” or “WOW” words?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I use strong action verbs?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I use specific nouns?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I use words that describe the 5 senses?</li></ul>
<b>Sentence Fluency</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Is my writing easy to read the first time?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do my sentences begin with different words?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I use some long and short sentences?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I use different types of sentences? (. ! ?)</li></ul>
<b>Conventions</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I capitalize first words in sentences?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Do sentences end with punctuation?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I spell words correctly?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Did I indent new paragraphs?</li></ul>