

Writing Rubric: Reflective Essay

	Advanced 4	Proficient 3	Basic 2	Below Basic 1
Content	<p>Responses show that the writer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ meets all the criteria listed in Score Point 3 ▪ memorably presents the experience for the reflection ▪ is creative and original ▪ makes the reader understand the abstract ideas underlying the reflection through use of specific detail 	<p>Responses show that the writer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ effectively focuses on a single subject including related experiences and observations ▪ is thoughtful, convincing, insightful, and exploratory ▪ is firmly grounded in the subject ▪ reveals a strong connection between the subject and the experience(s) ▪ analyzes the experience by looking at more than one angle ▪ explores the subject in personal and general reflections 	<p>Responses show that the writer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ does not go deeply enough into the reflection ▪ talks too much about himself/herself instead of the experience ▪ uses concrete detail ▪ is limited to flimsy generalizations 	<p>Responses show that the writer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ assumes experience that prompted reflection is implicit in the response
Language Use & Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ uses language to be convincing ▪ implicitly reveals feelings and thoughts through presentation of the experience ▪ consistently uses appropriate language ▪ reveals ideas through use of comparison and imagery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ presents the experience through use of concrete, sensory language, quotations, and narrative accounts that effectively use dialogue, action, and pacing ▪ uses precise language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ uses only simple, generic language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ uses only simple, obvious statements
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ shows deep insight through a natural flow of ideas and an effective conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ achieves unity through a natural progression of ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ has lapses in coherence ▪ has the tendency to digress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ does not have coherence in writing ▪ is not organized in writing