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Respond & Write Rubric

Use this rubric to assess your students' responses to the Respond & Write prompts. Record the appropriate number in the Score column.

Criteria	Needs Improvement	Average	Good	Excellent	Score
	1	2	3	4	
Strong Reasons	Reasons are missing or do not support the writer's argument.	The reasons support the writer's argument but could be stronger.	The reasons support the writer's argument.	The reasons provide strong support for the writer's argument.	
Precise Words	The writer uses many tired or imprecise words.	The writer uses few interesting words.	The writer uses many interesting words.	The writer consistently uses interesting words and appropriate vocabulary.	
Complete Thoughts	Many sentences are incomplete or missing end punctuation.	Some sentences are incomplete or missing end punctuation.	Most sentences are complete and include correct end punctuation.	All sentences are complete and include correct end punctuation.	
Correct Spelling	Many words are misspelled, including words the writer should know.	Most words are spelled correctly, except for some difficult words.	Most words are spelled correctly, including some difficult words.	All words are spelled correctly, including difficult words.	
Overall Score					

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