

DRC Writer's Checklist (for all prompts) Updated 6-23-17

Narrative Writer's Checklist for Grades 3-8:

- My narrative has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- My narrative flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- My narrative develops plot, character(s), and setting.
- My narrative includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
- My narrative uses precise and vivid language.
- My narrative contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- My narrative includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- My narrative uses material from the source(s).

Informational/Explanatory Writer's Checklist for Grades 3-8:

- My essay has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- My essay flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- My essay contains a strong controlling idea that stays on topic.
- My essay includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
- My essay uses precise and vivid language.
- My essay contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- My essay includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- My essay uses material from the source(s).

Argumentative Writer's Checklist for Grades 7/8:

- My argument has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- My argument flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- My argument contains a clear claim and addresses a counterclaim.
- My argument includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
- My argument uses precise and vivid language.
- My argument contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- My argument includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- My argument uses material from the source(s).

Argumentative Writer's Checklist for Grade 6:

- My argument has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- My argument flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- My argument contains a clear claim.
- My argument includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
- My argument uses precise and vivid language.
- My argument contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- My argument includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- My argument uses material from the source(s).

Opinion Essay Writer's Checklist for Grades 3-5:

- My essay has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
- My essay flows smoothly from one idea to another.
- My essay contains a strong controlling idea that stays on topic.
- My essay includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
- My essay uses precise and vivid language.
- My essay contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
- My essay includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- My essay uses material from the source(s).