

# Writing Checklist

## Conventions

- Periods are at the end of my sentences.
- Question marks, commas, and quotations marks are in the right places.
- Almost every word is spelled correctly.
- I remembered to indent each paragraph.
- Each of my paragraphs has one main idea.
- I have used correct grammar.
- My handwriting is legible.

## Capitalization

- I have capitalized the first word in each sentence.
- I have capitalized people and pet names.
- I have capitalized months and days.
- I have capitalized cities, states, and places.
- I have capitalized titles of books, movies, et cetera.
- I did not make capital letters in place of lower case letters.

## Organization

- My sentences are sequenced in order.
- My introduction is exciting and inviting.
- My ideas flow and are well connected.
- I have a satisfying conclusion.

## Ideas

- I used a graphic organizer to create and organize ideas.
- My ideas are written in my own words.
- My writing is clear and focused.
- My details give the reader important information.
- My ideas relate to one another.

## Word Choice

- Every word seems just right.
- I used a lot of describing words.
- My words paint pictures in the reader's mind.
- I used strong verbs like darted and exclaimed.
- I used synonyms to add variety.

## Sentence Fluency

- My sentences begin in different ways.
- Some sentences and paragraphs are short and some are long.
- It just sounds good as it is read aloud.
- There are no run-ons.
- My sentences are complete.

