

## Elementary Writing Checklist

### Ideas and Content

- Have I thought about my audience? My purpose?
- How clear, complete and well developed are my ideas?
- Is there a main idea that stands out?
- Do I provide carefully selected details that are supporting and relevant?
- Have I made connections and shared insights?

### Characters:

- Did I use several types of characters (round, dynamic, etc)?
- Does my reader know how they look, what they do, how they feel?

### Plot:

- Does my plot have a sequence of events (chronological, flashback)?
- Is there a conflict (tension, friction, excitement, suspense)?
- Is there a resolution to the conflicts or problems?

### Theme:

- Is my main idea of the story clear?

### Setting:

- Is the setting described with detailed, descriptive words? Can my reader see the place I'm describing?

### Organization

- How effective is the introduction? Does it invite the reader in?
- Does the order make sense?
- Does it end well? Is there a sense of closure?

### Voice

- Did I put something of myself in the paper?
- Is the writing lively?
- Did I write about how I felt?

### Word Choice

- Did the words I choose help make the message interesting and easy to understand?

### Sentence Fluency and Conventions

- Are my sentences smooth and easy to read?
- Have I varied their structure (length, complexity)?

Have I edited my writing for correct:

- Grammar and usage
- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Paragraphs

Spelling