

Magazine Article Rubric

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| Content: Theme | My article is about one main idea, and all the details tell about the theme. | My article is about one idea, and most of the details tell about the theme. | My article has a main idea, but many of the details are not related to the theme. | My article is about many different ideas. |
| Content | I select many specific details that show what is important and interesting about the person. | I use some appropriate details to show what is important and interesting about the person. | I use a few details, but the reader doesn't really learn what is important and interesting about the person. | I do not use very many details, and the reader does not learn what is important or interesting about the person. |
| Organization: Title | I have a title that gives a hint at what the article is about and makes people curious to read it. | I have a title that tells what the article is about. | My title does not give readers an idea what the article is about. | I do not have a title. |
| Organization: Introduction | I have an introduction that tells what the article is about and makes people curious about my person so they want to read more. | I have an introduction that tells what the article is about in an interesting way. | I have an introduction that tells what the article is about, but it is not very interesting. | I do not have an introduction. |
| Organization: Paragraphing | I start a new paragraph when I change the subject and when the speaker changes in conversation. My paragraphs are different lengths. | I start a new paragraph when I change the subject. | I have some paragraphs, but there may be too many long ones or short ones. | I have one long paragraph or many really short ones. |
| Language: Vocabulary | I use interesting and lively words that show rather than tell about the person. | I use interesting words to describe the person. | I use some interesting words, but most of the language in my article is ordinary. | The language in my article is ordinary. |
| Language: Quotations | When it makes sense to do so, I include some of the person's exact words in quotation marks in my article | Sometimes I include the person's exact words. | I try to include the person's exact words, but sometimes it doesn't really make sense. | I do not include any of the person's exact words. |

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| | along with my descriptions of what the person said to make the story more interesting. | | | |
| Conventions | I do not have any mistakes in sentences, spelling, punctuation, or capitalization in my article. | I do not have any mistakes in sentences, spelling, punctuation, or capitalization that make it hard for the reader to understand what I have written. | I have a few mistakes in sentences, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization that make it hard for the reader to understand what I have written. | I have so many mistakes in sentences, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization that readers have a hard time understanding what I have written. |