

Poem Writing Scoring Guide

Descriptor Points	Effective	Adequate	Somewhat	Little or None
	10-9	8-7	6-4	3-0
Ideas in Poem	My poem follows correct format. Each line speaks to a different part of my Great Thinker's life.	My poem follows correct format. Most lines provide insight into to a different part of my Great Thinker's life, though some ideas are repeated.	My poem follows correct format. Each line provides some insight into my Great Thinker's life, though many ideas are repeated.	My poem follows correct format. Most lines discuss the same ideas; very little variety in ideas. Poem offers very little insight into the life of my Great Thinker.
Word Choice	I use figurative language to create vivid mental images in all lines. Every line causes reader to ponder ideas presented.	I use figurative language to create mostly vivid mental images in most lines. Some lines are insightful whereas others are ordinary.	I attempt to use figurative language to create mental images in some lines. Most lines are ordinary.	I do not use figurative language to create mental images in lines. Poem is unimaginative reciting of basic facts.
Examples and Details	I use appropriate, vivid details and examples in my poem.	I use appropriate detail in my poem.	Some of my poem is too general and does not have enough detail.	I have very little detail in my poem.
Conventions	I am careful to check my poem for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, so I do not have any mistakes.	I check my poem for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, and I do not have any mistakes that would confuse people while they are reading.	I check my poem for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, but sometimes I have mistakes that confuse people while they are reading.	I do not check my poem for accuracy in spelling, capitalization, grammar, and punctuation, and I have several mistakes that confuse people while they are reading.