

Title: **Social Studies Writing Rubric**

Teacher Name: Mr. Delaney

Student Name: _____ Date: _____



	Weak - 1	Basic - 2	Proficient - 3	Strong - 4
Content	The content is absent or not related to the topic.	The content is ordinary and somewhat related to the topic.	The content is clear and directly related to the topic.	The content is substantial, intriguing, and original. It relates directly to the topic.
Details	Uses little or no detail to support and explain the topic.	Uses some details that are accurate; some details such as examples and explanations are not appropriate for the topic; details do not always support the topic.	Uses details such as explanations and examples that are accurate and support the topic.	Uses details such as explanations and examples that are accurate, appropriate, and fully support the topic.
Purpose	There is no purpose.	Purpose is vague, misstated, or not always supported by details.	Purpose is defined and understandable, supported by details.	Clearly defined purpose, carefully and convincingly presented.
Organization	ideas have little connection to each other; there is no strong central idea.	Some ideas connected to each other; many parts don't contribute to the central idea.	Most ideas are connected; some parts don't contribute to the central idea.	Logical presentation of ideas; all parts contribute to a strong central idea
Grammar	Grammar choices keep readers from understanding the piece.	Grammar choices sometimes confuse readers.	Uses appropriate grammar that does not interfere with meaning.	Uses completely appropriate grammar that helps readers understand meaning.
Punctuation	Frequent and/or major errors that obscure meaning	Many or major errors in punctuation that sometimes confuse the reader.	A few punctuation errors.	No errors in punctuation.
Spelling	There are frequent spelling errors that make it hard for readers to understand the central idea.	There are many spelling errors that sometimes make it hard for readers to understand the central idea.	Most words are spelled correctly.	All words spelled correctly, helping readers clearly understand the central idea.

Total Score: _____ points out of 28 possible points.

Teacher Comments: