

Teacher-Friendly Scoring Guide for the Organization Trait

The organization trait reflects the internal structure of the piece—the thread of logic, the power of meaning.



3 ESTABLISHED

The writing has structure that easily leads the reader through the piece.

- The writing has a strong beginning that is original.
- The piece has a middle that has a logical order.
- There is an ending that is not predictable.

2 EXPANDING

The writing shows awareness of order, though it is not more than a basic understanding.

- There is a beginning, though it may be predictable.
- The middle of the writing is too short to show structure, or some of the information may not flow in a logical order.
- The ending, if present, is obvious and expected.

1 EMERGENT

The writing does not show any sense of organization.

- There is no sense of where the writing starts.
- The middle of the piece is indistinguishable.
- There is no ending.