

Title: English & French Writing Exemplars, Rubrics & Scoring Rationale: Grades 3, 7 & 10 (Alberta Curriculum Aligned)

Description:

Developed by teachers and leaders from Rocky View Schools, these assessment tools and student writing samples have been designed to support the development of writing skills and help to inform instructional decisions. The Calgary Regional Consortium was a partner through this process and in the creation of the English documents.

Key Points of the Resource:

These rubrics, writing exemplars and scoring rationale documents were created in response to questions such as “What does grade level writing look at the end of the year?”. The formative rubrics use specific language to describe the qualities of writing throughout the year at these grade levels.

Each writing sample was assessed using the accompanying rubrics, aligned to the Alberta curriculum in the spring of 2023. The calibration process for each writing sample involved over 40 teachers with teaching experience at that specific grade level. Each student sample was individually evaluated and then discussed until a consensus was reached to determine the level of achievement it aligned to in its corresponding rubric.

Suggestions to best utilize this resource:

These grade 3, 7 and 10 writing samples can be used as benchmark indicators for levels of writing. Please note: These writing samples were collected in the SPRING of 2023. It is recommended that teachers collaborate with other teachers to calibrate and agree upon specific qualities of each writing sample as they reflect the indicators in the chosen rubric (formative or summative). In addition to assessing the writing sample collaboratively, we recommend that teachers collaborate to consider the next instructional steps that will enable students to grow and improve their skills and further develop their craft.

These exemplars can also be used with students during guided instructional time. Identify specific attributes of the writing to discuss the strengths and possible improvements that could be made. Make these exemplars visible to students and their families to help communicate assessment feedback while modeling, practicing, offering feedback and further attempts to make improvements using the specific feedback offered.

Materials in the package and/or other materials to have on hand to use the resource:

Available in French and English