

The Spiraled Traits

IDEAS

ORGANIZATION

VOICE

WORD CHOICE

SENTENCE FLUENCY

CONVENTIONS

Checking Spelling
Punctuating Effectively & Paragraphing
Capitalizing Correctly
Applying Grammar and Usage

PRESENTATION

Applying Handwriting Skills
Using Word Processing Effectively
Making Good Use of White Space
Refining Text Features

Finding a topic

Creating the lead

Establishing a tone

Applying strong verbs

Crafting well-built sentences

CONVENTIONS

PRESENTATION

Focusing the topic

Using sequence words and transition words

Conveying the purpose

Selecting striking words and phrases

Varying sentence types

CONVENTIONS

PRESENTATION

Developing the topic

Structuring the body

Creating a connection to the audience

Using specific and accurate words

Capturing smooth and rhythmic flow

CONVENTIONS

PRESENTATION

Using details

Ending with a sense of resolution

Taking risks to create voice

Choosing words that deepen meaning

Breaking the “rules” to create fluency

CONVENTIONS

PRESENTATION