

6+1 Trait Writing Model: Comparison of Inner and Outer Planets

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Introduction (Organization)	The introduction clearly states the main topic, at least 3 body paragraphs have a topic sentence and detail sentences; a conclusion paragraph summarizes and closes the essay.	The introduction states the main topic, 2-3 body paragraphs have a topic sentence and detail sentences; a conclusion paragraph summarizes and closes the essay.	The introduction states the main topic, 1-2 body paragraphs have a topic sentence with some detail sentences; a conclusion may be present.	There is no clear introduction of the main topic, paper is not organized or in paragraphs.
Ideas	Supporting Details and information are provided for all 7 planet characteristics.	Supporting details and information are provided for most of the planet characteristics.	Some supporting details for some of the planet characteristics.	Few or no Supporting details and information for the planet characteristics.
Sentence Length (Sentence Fluency)	Every paragraph has sentences that vary in length.	Almost all paragraphs have sentences that vary in length.	Some sentences vary in length.	Sentences rarely vary in length.
Capitalization & Punctuation (Conventions)	Writer makes no errors in capitalization or punctuation, grammar and spelling, so the paper is exceptionally easy to read.	Writer makes 1 or 2 errors in capitalization or punctuation, grammar or spelling, but the paper is still easy to read.	Writer makes a few errors in capitalization, grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation that catch the reader's attention and interrupt the flow.	Writer makes several errors in capitalization, grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation that catch the reader's attention and greatly interrupt the flow.