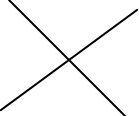


Words To Grow By
Character Ed Essay Contest

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Problem/Conflict (x 1.50) pts _____	It is very easy for the reader to understand the problem the writer faced and why it was a problem.	It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the writer faced and why it was a problem.	It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the writer faced but it is not clear why it is a problem.	It is not clear what problem The writer faced.
Solution/Resolution (x 1.50) pts _____	The solution to the writer's problem is easy to understand and is logical. There are no loose ends.	The solution to the writer's problem is easy to understand and is somewhat logical	The solution to the writer's problem is a little hard to understand.	No solution is attempted or it is impossible to understand.
Organization pts _____	The story is very well organized. One idea or scene follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions.	The story is pretty well organized. One idea or scene may seem out of place. Clear transitions are used.	The story is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes not clear.	Ideas and scenes seem to be randomly arranged.
Spelling and Punctuation pts _____	There are no spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft.	There is one spelling or punctuation error in the final draft.	There are 2-3 spelling and punctuation errors in the final draft.	The final draft has more than 3 spelling and punctuation errors.
Focus on Assigned Topic pts _____	The entire story is related to the assigned topic and allows the reader to understand much more about the topic	Most of the story is related to the assigned topic. The story wanders off at one point, but the reader can still learn something about the topic	Some of the story is related to the assigned topic, but the reader does not learn much about the topic.	No attempt has been made to relate the story to the assigned topic.
Followed Directions pts _____	Writer read the instructions and followed them without deviation		Writer did not follow one or more instructions.	