

Categories	Approaching the Required Level of Literacy (0-49%)	Achieving the Required Level of Literacy (50-64%)	Exceeding the Required Level of Literacy (65-79%)	Significantly Exceeding the Required Level of Literacy (80-100%)
Knowledge/Understanding - knowledge of form of opinion paragraphs - understanding of resource materials read	- demonstrates limited knowledge of form of opinion paragraphs - demonstrates limited understanding of materials read	- demonstrates adequate knowledge of form of opinion paragraphs - demonstrates adequate understanding of materials read	- demonstrates considerable knowledge of form of opinion paragraphs - demonstrates considerable understanding of materials read	- demonstrates thorough knowledge of form of opinion paragraphs - demonstrates thorough understanding of materials read
Thinking/Inquiry - critical and creative thinking skills (developing ideas, selecting, evaluating, organizing information, explaining, forming conclusions)	- demonstrates limited competence developing and organizing ideas, explaining, forming conclusions	- demonstrates moderate competence developing and organizing ideas, explaining, forming conclusions	- demonstrates considerable competence developing and organizing ideas, explaining, forming conclusions	- demonstrates a high degree of competence developing and organizing ideas, explaining, forming conclusions
Communication - communication of information and ideas - communication for audience and purpose - use of form of opinion paragraphs	- communicates information and ideas with limited clarity - communicates ideas and information for audience and purpose with limited effectiveness - demonstrates limited control of form of opinion paragraphs	- communicates information and ideas with moderate clarity - communicates ideas and information for audience and purpose with moderate effectiveness - demonstrates moderate control of form of opinion paragraphs	- communicates information and ideas with considerable clarity - communicates ideas and information for audience and purpose with considerable effectiveness - demonstrates considerable control of form of opinion paragraphs	- communicates information and ideas with a high degree of clarity - communicates ideas and information for audience and purpose with a high degree of effectiveness - demonstrates extensive control of form of opinion paragraphs
Application - application of language conventions - application of reading strategies - application of the writing process - application of literacy skills	- uses language conventions with limited accuracy and effectiveness - uses reading strategies with limited competence - uses the writing process with limited competence - uses literacy skills with limited effectiveness	- uses language conventions with moderate accuracy and effectiveness - uses reading strategies with moderate competence - uses the writing process with moderate competence - uses literacy skills with moderate effectiveness	- uses language conventions with considerable accuracy and effectiveness - uses reading strategies with considerable competence - uses the writing process with considerable competence - uses literacy skills with considerable effectiveness	- uses language conventions accurately and effectively all or almost all of the time - uses reading strategies with a high degree of competence - uses the writing process with a high degree of competence - uses literacy skills with a high degree of effectiveness