**Qualities of Writing Checklist**

Use this list to check the quality of your own writing.

**Developing the Structure**

\_\_\_\_ Does my writing contain a beginning, a middle, and an ending?

\_\_\_\_ Does my beginning include a strong lead sentence and name my focus or thesis?

\_\_\_\_ Do my middle paragraphs support the focus?

\_\_\_\_ Does my ending paragraph restate the focus and give an important final thought?

\_\_\_\_ Does my writing follow one main pattern of organization, and do I use

other patterns within the paragraphs?

**Developing the Ideas**

\_\_\_\_ Do I include effective details to develop my topic?

\_\_\_\_ Do I use combinations of details to fully explain certain ideas?

\_\_\_\_ Do I use specific words to give the reader a clear picture?

\_\_\_\_ Do I make helpful comparisons?

\_\_\_\_ Do I vary the type of sentences I use?

\_\_\_\_ Do my words and sentences match my purpose and audience?

\_\_\_\_ Do I use language that sounds sincere and natural?

**Checking for Conventions**

\_\_\_\_ Do I capitalize and punctuate my sentences correctly?

\_\_\_\_ Do I follow the rules for grammar and usage?

\_\_\_\_ Do I check for commonly misspelled words?

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