

Turning Points Essay Rubric

Name: _____

Categories	Indicators	Score
Knowledge and Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Clearly stated personal experience-linked to feelings, actions and the development of character *Rich details create a sense of the main character's thoughts, actions and appearances *Effective use of dialogue to advance the narrative where appropriate 	/20
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *clear point of view and strong voice *strong word choice that creates clear, vivid pictures *words and phrases that powerfully convey the intended message *variety of sentence types 	/15
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Opening paragraph that captures the interest of the reader *Effective sequencing of ideas to support the writer's description of the turning point *Concluding paragraph that unifies, brings closure or summarizes the narrative 	/10
Conventions and Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Correct punctuation, spelling and grammar usage 	/5

Comments: