**WRITING RUBRIC**

**ADVANCED: (4)**

* All proficient criteria plus…
* Uses *higher level* transitional words/phrases and varied sentence structures.

**PROFICIENT: (3)**

* Writing shows evidence of organization; this may include use of a plan.
* Address the prompt *accurately* within a *topic sentence*.

□ Rephrase the prompt □ Answer the question

* Develop the topic with at least TWO *well-chosen* and accurate facts, extended definitions, and/or concrete details.

□ Examples from the text □ Basic transitions link examples

* Use *precise* language and/or *content specific* vocabulary words.
* Provide a concluding statement or section.

□ Key word(s)/idea(s) from the topic sentence link back to main idea(s)

**PROGRESSING: (2)**

* 4 out of 5 of the proficient criteria

**NEEDS PRACTICE: (1)**

* 3 or fewer of the proficient criteria