

# 2008 Portfolio Scoring Training Materials

Grade 7

Training Portfolio  
Rationale

*Adoration of Misfortune*

## **Rationale for Training Portfolio**

**Title: Adoration of Misfortune**

**Grade: 7**

**Year released: 2008**

### **Reflective Piece Title: Truth and Fiction**

  4   Content (4, 4, 4)

The writer establishes and maintains an authentic insightful purpose throughout by referencing growth as a writer with a literacy connection (reading and writing). The insightful purpose is demonstrated by the use of "Truth" and "Fiction" as characters throughout. The writer communicates a strong awareness of the audience's needs by giving background information, explanation of literary terms and having a conversational tone. The conversational tone shows distinctive voice and sustained throughout. The writing demonstrates reflective, analytical and insightful idea development throughout.

  4   Structure (4, 4, 4)

The writing demonstrates careful organization by following growth as a writer from past to present to future. The writing demonstrates varied and subtle transitional elements throughout ("It was once said in the words of Donald Murray..."). The writing demonstrates control, variety, and complexity in sentence structure to enhance meaning throughout.

  4   Conventions (4, 4, 4)

The writing demonstrates control of grammar and usage to enhance meaning (strong verbs, e.g., giggled, scoffed, scribbling). Rich and/or precise word choice appropriate for audience and purpose is evident in the writing. The writing demonstrates control of correctness to enhance communication (use of ellipses, semi-colons).

Instructional Implications:  
None

**Personal OR Literary Piece Title: Adoration of Misfortune**

4 Content (4, 4, 4)

This writing establishes and maintains an authentic and insightful focused purpose throughout. The purpose of the writing (to entertain) is demonstrated by the change of the character going from a black and white world to a world of color (wearing green). The writing demonstrates a strong awareness of audience's needs through the use of thoughtshots, weaving of setting details and foreshadowing techniques. The writer skillfully applies characteristics of the genre throughout (correct use of dialogue and internal conflict with a resolution).

4 Structure (4, 4, 4)

The writer demonstrates careful and subtle organization (recurrence of details, e.g., necklace, green eyes) that enhances purpose. The writer demonstrates the use of varied and subtle transitional elements throughout ("She sighed and then wandered out unto the main room." and "Opening her book and flipping to a certain page..."). The writing demonstrates control, variety and complexity in sentence structure to enhance meaning.

4 Conventions (4, 4, 3)

The writing demonstrates control of grammar/usage to enhance meaning (series of items, strong verbs, specific adjectives). Rich and/or precise word choice appropriate for audience and purpose is evident in the writing. The writing demonstrates control of correctness relative to length and complexity.

Instructional Implications:

Address issues with comma errors and semicolon.

## **Transactive Piece Title: The City of Eternal Light**

### 3 Content (3, 4, 3)

The writer establishes and maintains an authentic focused purpose throughout (Las Vegas is a great site for family vacations). The writing indicates an awareness of audience's needs through use of sub-headings, bold words for the attractions, details and background information. The writing demonstrates distinctive voice throughout the piece. The writing demonstrates depth of idea development by providing specific details about each attraction. Characteristics of the feature article are applied throughout (introduction, conclusion, headings).

### 3 Structure (3, 3, 3)

The writing demonstrates logical, coherent organization by the use of a circular ending and the use of sections and engaging lead. Transitions are logical, effective throughout (use of rhetorical questions). The pictures are appropriately placed throughout the article. The writing demonstrates control and variety in sentence structure throughout.

### 4 Conventions (4, 4, 4)

The writing demonstrates control of grammar and usage to enhance meaning (correct verb tense, specific adjectives, strong nouns, series of items, etc.). The writing demonstrates accurate, rich, precise word choice. The writing demonstrates control of correctness to enhance communication (bold words, hyphenated words, apostrophes).

#### Instructional Implications:

Address issues of idea development to include reflective, analytical and/or insightful statements.