WRITTEN PROMPT SCORING RUBRIC

	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO TASK
5	Superior essay with highly developed ideas and support skillfully presented with a strong introduction and conclusion; may contain a distinctive style.
	Exceptional range and richness of word choice.
	Varied and complex sentence structure.
	Almost no errors in grammar and mechanics.
	EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO TASK
4	Thesis or main idea is clearly stated and developed with relevant details and examples.
	Ideas are well-organized and well-developed with effective transitions.
	Word choice demonstrates variety and richness of expression.
	May have few minor errors in grammar and mechanics, with variety and some complexity of sentence structure.
	ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO TASK
3	Thesis or main idea shows some support and relevant detail, although some ideas may not be well-stated and may require minimal inference.
	Generally cohesive with some effective transitions.
	Few word choice errors and some variety and richness of expression.
	Some minor errors in grammar and mechanics generally do not interfere with the reader's understanding. Some variety in sentence structure.
2	WEAK RESPONSE TO TASK
	Contains a thesis or main idea with little support, and may be unfocused or unclear. Many ideas may not be well-stated. Requires inference in most cases.
	A basic organizational structure is evident with some sequencing of ideas.
	There may be some errors in word choice with some variety of expression.
	May contain distracting errors in grammar and mechanics that may interfere with the reader's understanding. Sentence structure may be simple.
1	MINIMAL OR POOR RESPONSE TO TASK
	Minimal response to task, or writing lacks a thesis or main idea and may require a substantial degree of inference.
	Cohesion is limited, but contains some related sentences.
	Word choice errors may require the reader to infer meaning.
	Serious errors in grammar or mechanics that may interfere with the reader's understanding.