William and Mary Preassessment
Scoring Rubric: Writing Preassessment
2nd Grade—Beyond Words

Claim or Opinion

Score	Description of Response
0	No clear preference or view is given, and context does not help to clarify it.
2	The writer simply answers yes or no, or the writer's position is poorly formulated, but the reader is reasonably sure what the response is about, based on context.
4	*Meets Expectations:* A clear topic sentence exists, and the reader is reasonably sure what the response is about, based on the strength of the topic sentence alone.
6	*Exceeds Expectations*: A very clear, concise position is given in a topic sentence and elaborated with reasons. Details explain the context, such as the title of the reading or references to "the poem," etc.

SCORE:

Data or Supporting Points

Score	Description of Response
0	No reasons are offered that are relevant to the claim.
2	One or two weak reasons are offered; the reasons are relevant to the claim.
4	At least two strong reasons are offered that are relevant to the claim.
6	*Meets Expectations:* At least three reasons are offered that are relevant to the claim. They are relevant but not necessarily convincing or complete.
8	*Exceeds Expectations:* At least three reasons are offered that are also accurate, convincing, and distinct.

SCORE:

Warrant or Elaboration on Data

Score	Description of Response
0	No warrant or elaboration is provided
2	An attempt is made to elaborate at least one reason.
4	More than one reason is supported with relevant details.
6	*Meets Expectations*: Each of the three or more reasons is supported with relevant information that is clearly connected to the claim.
8	*Exceeds Expectations:* The writer explains all reasons in an effective, convincing, well-organized response.

SCORE:

Conclusion

Score	Description of Response
0	No conclusion/closing sentence is provided
2	A conclusion/closing sentence is provided but is vague or irrelevant
4	*Meets Expectations:* The conclusion revisits the main idea.
6	*Exceeds Expectations*: A strong conclusion revisits the main ideas and extends the theme.

SCORE:

TOTAL SCORE: _____/28

Adapted from Beyond Words Teacher Guide pgs. 55-56