

**William and Mary Post-Assessment
Scoring Rubric: Writing Preassessment
3rd Grade—Journeys and Destinations**

Claim or Opinion

Score	Description of Response
0	No clear position is asserted on the writer's preference or view, and context does not help clarify it.
2	Yes/no alone, or the writer's position is poorly formulated, but the reader is reasonably sure what the paper is about because of context.
4	A basic topic sentence exists, and the reader is reasonably sure what the paper is about, based on the strength of the topic sentence alone.
6	A very clear, concise position is given as a topic sentence, and the reader is very certain what the paper is about. Must include details such as grade level, title of the reading or reference to "the story," etc.

SCORE:

Data or Supporting Points

Score	Description of Response
0	No data are offered that are relevant to the claim.
2	Scant data (one or two pieces) are offered; but what data exist are relevant to the claim.
4	At least three pieces of data are offered. They are relevant but not necessarily convincing or complete.
6	At least three pieces of accurate and convincing data or support are offered.

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 element of data.
4	More than one piece of data is explained, but the explanation is weak and lacks thoroughness, or one piece of data is well elaborated.
6	The writer explains more than one piece of data in such a way that it is clear how they support the argument. At least one piece of data is convincingly and completely elaborated.

SCORE:

Conclusion

Score	Description of Response
0	No conclusion/closing sentence is provided
2	A conclusion/closing sentence is provided

SCORE:

TOTAL SCORE: _____/20