

YOUNG AUTHORS SCORING RUBRIC

| CRITERIA | 1 point – Not evident <i>Is lacking or inconsistent in this area for this grade level.</i> | 2 points -- Fair <i>Partially meets expectations for grade level criterion; writing may be basic or lack strong word choice, voice, etc.</i> | 3 points -- Good <i>Meets expectations in this criterion for grade level. Is well-written and original.</i> | 4 points -- Excellent <i>Exceeds expectations in writing and/or originality. Is an exemplary piece of writing in this criterion.</i> |
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| YA THEME <i>is clearly addressed through topic, word choice, format/structure, or overall message</i> | | | | |
| ORGANIZATION <i>is appropriate for genre (prose/poetry) with a clear beginning, middle, end</i> | | | | |
| SENTENCE FLUENCY and WORD CHOICE <i>~Rhythm and flow ~Sentence Variety -Precise words -Figurative Language</i> | | | | |
| AUTHOR'S VOICE <i>is strong and clear; personality is evident and original</i> | | | | |
| CONVENTIONS <i>Age-appropriate spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation</i> | | | | |
| TOTAL POINTS | | | | |

- **Two Readers/TOTAL of 34 or above for winning entries**
 - **36 or Above for Judge's Choice Consideration**