

POW Paragraph Writing Rubric

Criteria	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Developing	1 - Needs Improvement
Pick Your Idea (P)	Clear, focused main idea relevant to prompt	Main idea mostly clear and relevant	Main idea is unclear or somewhat off-topic	No clear main idea or unrelated to prompt
Organize Your Notes (O)	Notes are well-organized with clear details	Notes show some organization with details	Notes are incomplete or loosely organized	Notes are missing or confusing
Write and Say More (W)	Paragraph is detailed, well-developed, and flows smoothly	Paragraph has enough detail and mostly clear flow	Paragraph has minimal details or awkward flow	Paragraph is incomplete or very unclear
Overall Paragraph Structure	Paragraph has a clear beginning, middle, and end	Paragraph mostly follows a clear structure	Paragraph is missing some structure elements	Paragraph lacks clear structure

Scoring Guide:

- **13-16 points** = Excellent: Mastery of POW strategy, clear and detailed writing
- **9-12 points** = Good: Solid understanding with minor areas to improve
- **5-8 points** = Developing: Partial understanding; needs more focus on organization or detail
- **1-4 points** = Needs Improvement: Struggles with core POW steps and paragraph clarity