

Writing Topic

You are at home and you hear a knock at the front door. When you open the door the only thing you see is a strange looking bottle containing a mysterious liquid. When you take it inside, you discover a note that says "When you drink the liquid, you will turn into anyone or anything you choose for forty-eight hours". What/who will you turn into and why? Support your ideas with examples and details.

Remember to:

- begin with a strong opening sentence
- focus on the topic
- provide some supporting details and explanations
- use some interesting words and a variety of sentence lengths
- organize your thoughts so your writing is easy to read and flows smoothly
- close with a strong ending that states your point of view
- edit your work for spelling, punctuation and capitals

PLANNING SECTION

Who/what would you choose to be?

What do you look like?

What do you do for forty-eight hours?

Why did you choose to be that person, animal or object?

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Aspect	Not Yet Within Expectations	Meets Expectations		Fully Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
		-	Minimal – Moderate		
<p>MEANING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas and information use of detail <p>6 TRAITS ✓ IDEAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea(s) may be hard to determine often brief or few ideas details may be irrelevant or vague 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea(s) loosely or partially developed length barely adequate some relevant details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea(s) clearly developed length adequate for development relevant & interesting supporting details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea(s) insightfully developed engaging, fresh, original ideas relevant quality details go beyond obvious 	
<p>FORM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> beginning, middle, ending organization and sequence <p>6 TRAITS ✓ ORGANIZATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> beginning may be confusing ending illogical or missing ideas may be unrelated to topic; lacks organization some attempt to sequence no evidence of paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> somewhat focused beginning ending missing or weak some sense of organization of related ideas evidence of sequencing paragraphing attempted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> focused beginning recognizable ending clear organization logical sequence of ideas successful paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective, engaging beginning effective ending leaves reader with sense of closure & resolution logical organization of relevant, appropriate ideas sequencing is logical & smooth consistent & correct paragraphing 	
<p>STYLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clarity, variety, & impact of language <p>6 TRAITS ✓ VOICE ✓ WORD CHOICE ✓ SENTENCE FLUENCY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited vocabulary - basic language incomplete, incorrect or awkward sentences poorly constructed sentences no variety in sentence structure no evidence of voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses basic language with little variety in word choice sentences are mostly constructed correctly mostly simple sentence patterns hints of individuality & voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> experiments with new & different words variety of sentence lengths & patterns correct & effective sentence structure recognizable sense of voice; appealing to read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses precise & powerful language for effect effective variety of sentences lengths & patterns sentences enhance meaning distinctive voice; begs to be read aloud 	
<p>CONVENTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete sentences; spelling; capitals; punctuation grammar/usage <p>6 TRAITS ✓ CONVENTIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> frequent errors may make writing difficult to understand needs extensive editing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors may make some sentences difficult to understand needs significant editing ; errors may distract reader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> some errors in grammar & usage but are not serious needs moderate editing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> few errors that do not interfere with meaning; usually caused by taking risks with complex language needs very little editing 	