



**School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North)**  
**QUICK SCALE: GRADE 8 WRITING PERSONAL ESSAYS AND OPINIONS**  
**– STUDENT LANGUAGE**

	<b>Not Yet Within Expectations</b>	<b>Meets Expectations (Minimal Level)</b>	<b>Fully Meets Expectations</b>	<b>Exceeds Expectations</b>
<b>Snapshot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ideas are not connected</li> <li>looks like a list order of ideas maybe random</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>connected ideas</li> <li>basic big idea</li> <li>sounds sometimes awkward</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>clear, detailed, well organized</li> <li>accomplishes purpose/task</li> <li>sounds good when read aloud</li> </ul>	
<b>Meaning</b> - ideas and information - use of detail - generalizations or conclusions - sense of audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>writing has little or no focus</li> <li>gaps in explaining</li> <li>details are unclear or not important</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>off topic sometimes</li> <li>it is not always clear what you're writing about</li> <li>lacking in enough detail</li> <li>may not be clear to some readers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>clear</li> <li>specific examples</li> <li>another reader understands this</li> </ul>	
<b>Style</b> - clarity, variety and impact of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>contains simple sentences that do not make sense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>boring, lacks impact</li> <li>few larger sentences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>uses terms, structures that we've been learning</li> <li>variety of sentences</li> </ul>	
<b>Form</b> - introduction - organization - conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no purpose</li> <li>no introduction</li> <li>no conclusion</li> <li>work is not in order</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>simple introduction</li> <li>simple body</li> <li>simple conclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has followed mind map/outline</li> <li>distinct paragraphs</li> <li>logical conclusion</li> </ul>	
<b>Conventions</b> - complete sentences - spelling - punctuation - grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>many errors in sentence structure</li> <li>the language does not make sense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>some errors in sentence structure</li> <li>some spelling errors</li> <li>some agreement errors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>has complete sentences</li> <li>almost perfect spelling/punctuation</li> </ul>	