

APPENDIX E: WRITER'S CHECKLIST

Grade 8 Writer's Checklists

- Narrative Writer's Checklist:
 - My narrative has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
 - My narrative flows smoothly from one idea to another.
 - My narrative develops plot, character(s), and setting.
 - My narrative includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
 - My narrative uses precise and vivid language.
 - My narrative contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
 - My narrative includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
 - My narrative uses material from the source(s).

- Informational/Explanatory Writer's Checklist:
 - My essay has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
 - My essay flows smoothly from one idea to another.
 - My essay contains a strong controlling idea that stays on topic.
 - My essay includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
 - My essay uses precise and vivid language.
 - My essay contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
 - My essay includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
 - My essay uses material from the source(s).

- Argumentative Writer's Checklist:
 - My argument has an effective beginning, middle, and end.
 - My argument flows smoothly from one idea to another.
 - My argument contains a clear claim and addresses a counterclaim.
 - My argument includes specific and relevant details, reasons, and/or examples.
 - My argument uses precise and vivid language.
 - My argument contains sentences that are clear and varied in structure.
 - My argument includes correct grammar, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
 - My argument uses material from the source(s).