The 6 Traits Rubric

Name _____

	5 points	3 points	1 point
Ideas	The main idea is very clear and is supported by lots of specific details.	The main idea is somewhat clear. There are some details.	The main idea is unclear. There are few details. Details do not support the main idea.
Organization	Events are in the correct order. Transition words/phrases are used correctly.	Most of the events are in the correct order. Some transition words/phrases are used.	Events are not in the correct order. Transition words/phrases are not used.
Voice	It is very clear to the reader how the author/characters feel. The author shows expression.	It is somewhat clear how the author/characters feel. The author shows some expression.	The author/characters feelings are unclear. There is not very much expression in the writing.
Word Choice	The writing has lots of purple words. The purple words fit well in the writing.	The writing has some purple words. Most of the purple words fit with the writing.	The writing has few or no purple words. The purple words do not fit with the writing.
Sentence Fluency	The sentences are varied lengths. They sound smooth and clear.	Some sentences are different lengths. Some sentences are clear and smooth.	The sentences are all the same length. They are not smooth or clear.
Conventions	The writer uses good capitalization and punctuation, correct spelling, and the paragraphs are indented.	Most of the writing has correct capitalization and punctuation. Most words are spelled correctly. The paragraphs are indented.	The writer does not use good capitalization and punctuation. Lots of words are spelled wrong. The paragraphs are not indented.