

Obituaries: GRADING GUIDE⁶

Writer _____

Subject _____

Commendations: _____

INTRODUCTORY. PARA: () the subject is clearly named, and all significant facts given (the date and place of death, etc.).	() the subject is identified and appropriate facts included.	() the subject is named, but significant details are missing.
ORGANIZATION: () the article is extremely well organized; the facts of the subject's life are told in logical order; details of the services are in a helpful and appropriate place.	() the article is written in an organized manner; the subject's life is told well; details about the services are included	() the facts of the subject's life are told in a confusing manner; details about the services are hard to find in the article.
DEVELOPMENT: () interesting and appropriate facts about the subject's life are included; the writing is compelling, the tone both warm and factual.	() an adequate number of details about the subject's life are included; the article is pleasing to read.	() the article contains either not enough detail or too many uninteresting details; the writing is difficult to follow.
STYLE: Diction () Word choices are original, apt, effective.	() Word choices are mostly accurate; some misused words.	() Several unclear or incorrect word choices; language is too sentimental or too cold.
STYLE: Sentences () Sentences are unusually effective, tightly structured. No fragments or run-ons.	() Sentences were logical and complete; no fragments or run-ons.	() Fragments and/or run-ons are present in this story. Sentences were too wordy.
CONVENTIONS: () totally correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.	() only a few errors in spelling, punctuation & capitalization, but not too distracting.	() Distracting (serious or frequent) errors in spelling, punc., and cap.

GRADE: _____ *This grade is based not only on the specific aspects of the paper listed above, but on general quality of the writing, determined in part by a comparison of this paper with the other papers prepared for this assignment.*