

Student Rubric for Organization

- 6**
- Everything connects in some way to my MAIN message or story line.
 - My paper is easy to follow, even with a quick reading. It has some twists and turns, though—to make reading interesting!
 - The lead is striking and will pull readers right in.
 - The conclusion is original. I want to leave my readers thinking.

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- I stay focused on the discussion or story all the way through.
 - You can easily follow my “trail of thought.”
 - You’ll like my lead, and it will hook you.
 - My conclusion is satisfying. It wraps up the discussion or story.

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- I may wander here and there, but I think you’ll see a connection.
 - I think you can follow this pretty easily.
 - My lead sets things up. It kicks off the story or discussion.
 - My ending wraps things up.

- 3**
- I can see that I wander in spots. This isn’t always easy to follow.
 - I need more surprises! Readers can tell exactly what is coming!
 - I have a lead. It could be more exciting.
 - I have a conclusion. It’s probably one you have heard before.

- 2**
- I jump from topic to topic. This is really hard to follow, even for me.
 - This writing is like a messy closet! I need to move some things, or toss some out.
 - I need a new lead.
 - I need a new conclusion, too.

- 1**
- I just wrote to get something on paper.
 - Nothing goes with anything else. Don’t look for a pattern!
 - I didn’t know how to begin.
 - I didn’t know how or when to stop, either.