

Classroom Handwriting Contest

Manuscript



Give each student a copy of the entry form and ask them to complete the writing prompt. When everyone is finished, collect the submissions and sort them based on general readability. Select 5 or 10 entries (it's up to you how many you'd like to score) that you feel are the best in the class. Or, if you'd like to involve your students in the judging process, ask them to help select the top 5 or 10 entries. Then, use the below criteria to score each entry (Score Sheets are included on the next page). The highest score is your classroom winner.

Scoring Guidelines

Letter Forms

Points	Description
0	None made correctly or identifiable
1	None made correctly; some are identifiable
2	Some made correctly; all are identifiable
3	Most made correctly; all are identifiable
4	All made correctly

Letter Size

Points	Description
0	None are the correct size
1	Few are the correct size
2	About half are the correct size
3	Most are the correct size
4	All are the correct size

Letter Spacing

Points	Description
0	Incorrect and inconsistent
1	Incorrect but consistent
2	Correct and consistent

Word Spacing

Points	Description
0	Incorrect and inconsistent
1	Incorrect but consistent
2	Correct and consistent

Sentence Spacing

Points	Description
0	Incorrect
1	Correct

Line Quality

Points	Description
0	Incorrect and inconsistent
1	Incorrect but consistent
2	Correct and consistent

Alignment of Letters

Points	Description
0	None are aligned correctly
1	Few are aligned correctly
2	Some are aligned correctly
3	Most are aligned correctly
4	All are aligned correctly

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Score Sheet	Score Sheet	Score Sheet	Score Sheet
Student's Name _____	Student's Name _____	Student's Name _____	Student's Name _____
Points	Points	Points	Points
Letter Forms _____	Letter Forms _____	Letter Forms _____	Letter Forms _____
Letter Size _____	Letter Size _____	Letter Size _____	Letter Size _____
Letter Spacing _____	Letter Spacing _____	Letter Spacing _____	Letter Spacing _____
Word Spacing _____	Word Spacing _____	Word Spacing _____	Word Spacing _____
Sentence Spacing _____	Sentence Spacing _____	Sentence Spacing _____	Sentence Spacing _____
Line Quality _____	Line Quality _____	Line Quality _____	Line Quality _____
Alignment _____	Alignment _____	Alignment _____	Alignment _____
Total Points _____	Total Points _____	Total Points _____	Total Points _____
Deductions (-1 for each):	Deductions (-1 for each):	Deductions (-1 for each):	Deductions (-1 for each):
• Erasure mark _____	• Erasure mark _____	• Erasure mark _____	• Erasure mark _____
• White-out _____	• White-out _____	• White-out _____	• White-out _____
• Scribbles/smudge _____	• Scribbles/smudge _____	• Scribbles/smudge _____	• Scribbles/smudge _____
• Omitted word _____	• Omitted word _____	• Omitted word _____	• Omitted word _____
• Misspelled word _____	• Misspelled word _____	• Misspelled word _____	• Misspelled word _____
Total Deductions _____	Total Deductions _____	Total Deductions _____	Total Deductions _____
FINAL SCORE: _____ (Points minus Deductions)	FINAL SCORE: _____ (Points minus Deductions)	FINAL SCORE: _____ (Points minus Deductions)	FINAL SCORE: _____ (Points minus Deductions)

Name: _____

Write the sentence: **Six brown ducks quietly move past the lazy jaguar's feet.**

What do you want to be when you grow up?

