

"House of the Future"
Common Core-aligned rubric (8th Grade)
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	Below 8th <i>(weakest)</i>	Beginning	Emerging	Proficient	Above 8th <i>(strongest)</i>
Introduction (¶) <i>paragraph-level</i> Writing: W.8.2a	No topic sentence Answers question- "What would your future house look like?" No closing sentence Grammatical errors	Weak topic sentence Answers question- "What would your future house look like?" No closing sentence Grammatical errors	Weak topic sentence Answers question- "What would your future house look like?" Closing sentence Few grammatical	Topic sentence Answers question- "What would your future house look like?" Closing sentence Few grammatical errors	Topic sentence Answers question- "What would your future house look like?" Closing sentence No grammatical errors
Overall Organization <i>whole document</i> Writing: W.8.2a	Does not have three paragraph structure. Weak topic sentences for each paragraph. Does not answer all questions. No closing sentences.	Does not have three paragraph structure. Weak topic sentences for each paragraph. Answers all questions. Weak closing sentences.	Three paragraph structure. Weak topic sentences for each paragraph. Answers all questions. Closing sentences.	Three paragraph structure. Topic sentences for each paragraph. Answers all questions. Closing sentences.	Three paragraph structure. Topic sentences for each paragraph. Answers all questions. Closing sentences.
Supporting Facts & Details <i>sentence-level</i> Writing: W.8.2b	Lists examples without descriptions.	Some examples have a description. Descriptions of the house are not explained in their entirety.	Some examples have a description. Descriptions of the house are explained in their entirety.	Each example has a description. Descriptions of the house are explained in their entirety.	Each example has a description. Descriptions of the house are explained in their entirety.
Transitions/Links <i>sentence-level</i> Writing: W.8.2c	No transition words or phrases.	Few transition words used. Uses few phrases (participial, gerund, infinitive, introductory)	Few transition words used. Uses phrases (participial, gerund, infinitive, introductory)	Transition words used. Uses phrases (participial, gerund, infinitive, introductory)	Transition words used. Uses phrases (participial, gerund, infinitive, introductory)
Precise Language & Jargon <i>whole document</i> Writing: W.8.2d	Examples have few pieces of scientific evidence to support them and no futuristic qualities.	Examples have few pieces of scientific evidence to support them and no futuristic qualities.	Examples have some scientific evidence to support them as well as futuristic qualities.	Examples have scientific evidence to support them as well as futuristic qualities.	Examples have scientific evidence to support them as well as futuristic qualities.
Formal Style <i>whole document</i> Writing: W.8.2e	Informal tone; personal pronouns	Informal tone; personal pronouns	Formal tone, but has few personal pronouns (I, me, we)	Formal tone. No personal pronouns	Formal tone. No personal pronouns
Grammar mechanics <i>whole document</i>	Many grammatical or mechanical errors.	Many grammatical or mechanical errors.	Few grammatical or mechanical errors.	No grammatical or mechanic errors.	No grammatical or mechanic errors.