

# Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

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## Below-average Writing Model

### Writing Process in Action: Persuasive Writing (Unit 6, pages 310–313)

**Assignment:** Write a one- to two-page persuasive letter proposing a rule change for a sport or game you enjoy watching.

Dear baseball comissioner:

I enjoy watching baseball the most of any sports. One rule that isn't fair in baseball is about the designated hitters.

Baseball is all about strategy. Thats why people love it and the game is so popu-lair. My Dad says the designated hitter rule takes away from the excitement of the game. My Dad is good at baseball so I trust him. There is no decision about when to keep a pitcher in the game and when to take him out. Say its the sixth inning of the game and it is a close game and your team is behind by only a couple of runs and there are couple of runners on base and the pitcher is a weak hitter. Then what do you do? This is the kind of decision a manager has to make. Plus then the fans get to come up with their own ideas about what to do and that is exciting, too. With the designated hitter rule, you don't get to make this decision. The manager just puts in the replacement and its no big deal.

I have a lot of friends who are baseball fans. You can ask any of them and they will tell you its more exciting without this dumb rule. Just last week, I went to a baseball game, the Oakland A's, and it was fun. We had hotdogs and the A's won. But I think they would have won by more runs and that would have been better if the DH couldn't bat for the pitcher on the other team.

Sincerely,

Joshua Wilson

*States thesis, but does not include a call to action*

*Opinions cited are not clearly relevant or credible.*

*Includes example, but grammatical errors confuse meaning*

*Lacks conclusion; presents irrelevant, vague statements*

**Summary:** *This letter is not addressed properly for a business letter, only hints at a thesis statement and call to action, lacks a clearly developed argument, and does not address opposing arguments. Also, the evidence presented tends to be irrelevant and contains grammatical errors that obscure its meaning. The writing could be improved by revising it to include a clear thesis statement and a call to action in the opening and conclusion and by presenting specific, relevant evidence throughout the body of the letter.*

*This piece would probably receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 69 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—28 points for Focus/Organization, 23 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 18 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.*