

Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

Name Class Date

Average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: The Writing Process (Unit 2, pages 98–101)

Assignment: For an art review magazine, write a one-page essay to define artistic greatness, using a particular artist's life and work as an extended example.

Frida Kahlo

What makes a truly great artist? It's not how popular they are, or how much their work is worth after they're dead. To me, what makes a great artist is that artist's dedication to his or her own personal vision, even if his or her vision is unpopular.

The Mexican painter Frida Kahlo is an example of this kind of dedication. Her art style was inspired by the Mexican folk traditions which she loved. Because of her love for this folk art, she often dressed in traditional Mexican clothes. Her husband was also a painter, the muralist Diego Rivera. They were both socialists and their work reflected their beliefs. But Rivera's work was often very political in its subject matter, while Kahlo's wasn't, because she mostly painted self-portraits.

Kahlo's work wasn't appreciated while she was alive. Her work was considered less important than her husband's and other men's because she was a woman and she painted portraits. But she was very stubborn and refused to give up anyway. She started painting after an awful bus accident in 1925 where a metal rail went through her body. She was in the hospital for a long time, and the accident left her in pain for the rest of her life. But while she was recovering she taught herself to paint.

Her vision was very unique. She's best known for her self-portraits—wild paintings of herself surrounded by various things symbolizing different parts of her life. For instance, in one painting, called "Self-portrait with Monkeys," she shows herself surrounded by monkeys. Another painting "The Broken Columns" shows her spinal column. Her art is very powerful and direct.

Frida Kahlo wasn't very popular when she was alive, but now that she's dead she's been discovered. Her paintings have sold for millions of dollars and famous stars like Madonna collect her work now. But I think her artistic greatness was shown while she was alive by her strong belief in her own artistic vision despite all the problems she had in her life.

Summary: This essay fulfills the assignment by addressing both parts of the prompt, but the writing is repetitive and vague in places. Conducting more extensive research could have resulted in the writer being able to add more specific details to the essay, which, when combined with careful editing to avoid repetition, would make the writing stronger.

This piece might receive a 3 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive an 84 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—30 points for Focus/Organization, 28 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 26 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.

Opening clearly presents thesis.

Introduces artist as an example, but sentences need stronger transitions or more elaboration to connect to topic sentence

Includes relevant details, but writing is repetitive

Follows a logical order, but many word choices and details are vague

Conclusion restates thesis, but ideas lack an effective transition.