

Short Writing Rubric 150 points	Level 4 30 points	Level 3 20 points	Level 2 10 points	Level 1 0 points
Content	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to illustrate mastery of the subject, conveying the writer's understanding, and shaping the whole work.	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to explore ideas within the context of the discipline and shape the whole work.	Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop and explore ideas through most of the work.	Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop simple ideas in some parts of the work.
Conciseness	Uses appropriate wording that successfully eliminates words that perform no rhetorical function throughout the whole work.	Uses appropriate wording that attempts to eliminate words that perform no rhetorical function throughout most of the work.	Partially uses appropriate wording that attempts to eliminate words that perform no rhetorical function throughout most of the work.	Partially uses appropriate wording that attempts to eliminate words that perform no rhetorical function in some parts of the work.
Repetition Elimination	Successfully eliminates repetition throughout the whole work.	Successfully eliminates repetition throughout most of the work.	Partially eliminates repetition throughout most of the work.	Partially eliminates repetition in some parts of the work.
Use of Active Verbs	Successfully uses active verbs throughout the whole work with no unjustified* passive verb use.	One unjustified use of passive voice	two unjustified uses of passive voice	Used two or more unjustified passive verbs.
Elimination of "there" and "it" when beginning sentences	Successfully eliminates use of "there" and "it" when beginning sentences throughout the whole work.	Successfully eliminates use of "there" and "it" when beginning sentences throughout most of the work.	Partially eliminates use of "there" and "it" when beginning sentences in some of the work.	Partially eliminates in use of "there" and "it" when beginning sentences some parts of the work.
Overall Score	Level 4 21 or more	Level 3 11 or more	Level 2 1 or more	Level 1 0 or more

* A justified use of the passive is when you wish to emphasize the object rather than the subject of a sentence. I will judge whether your usage is justified or not. (Be sure to read Conciseness_pon on the eLC under Writing Resources + 5 Tips.) To avoid confusion, my advice is simple: do not use passives for these exercises.