

The Rock Cycle Narrative

Instructions:

You will write a narrative story about what life is like in the rock cycle. You will be provided with a pre-written introduction and conclusion. You must complete the pre-write outline and include all rubric material.

Pet Rock Writing Narrative Rubric					
Scoring		4	3	2	1
Statement of Purpose/ Focus	Statement of Purpose/ Focus	*Step in the rock cycle is focused, clearly stated, and strongly maintained for each body paragraph	*Step in the rock cycle is focused, clearly stated, and strongly maintained for each body paragraph *some loosely related material may be present	* Step in the rock cycle may be clearly focused, but is insufficiently sustained * Rock Cycle may be unclear and somewhat unfocused	* may be very brief * may have a major drift off topic * focus may be confusing or ambiguous
	Organization	* use of three different transitional strategies/sentence type to let the reader know that you are going to talk about the next stage in the rock cycle * rock cycle is discussed in accurate order	* use of two different transitional strategies/sentence type to let the reader know that you are going to talk about the next stage in the rock cycle * rock cycle is discussed in accurate order	* use of one transitional strategies/sentence type to let the reader know that you are going to talk about the next stage in the rock cycle * rock cycle is discussed in accurate order	* use of one transitional strategies/sentence type to let the reader know that you are going to talk about the next stage in the rock cycle * rock cycle is discussed out of order
Development: Language and Elaboration of Evidence	Elaboration of Evidence	The personification of the rock consistently makes the reader feel as if the rock is a living object. The 'voice' of the rock accurately portrays what is going on in the rock cycle. <i>Personification - The act of attributing human characteristics to abstract ideas, inanimate objects etc.</i>	The personification of the rock sometimes makes the reader feel as if the rock is a living object, but other times makes the reader feel that it is just a rock. The 'voice' of the rock usually accurately portrays what is going on in the rock cycle.	The personification of the rock is lacking. There is some confusion as to whether the rock is 'alive.' The 'voice' of the rock inaccurately portrays what is going on in the rock cycle.	The personification of the rock is lacking. There is no indication that the rock is 'alive.' The 'voice' of the rock inaccurately portrays what is going on in the rock cycle.
	Language and Vocabulary	Includes all of the following: Igneous Rock Vocabulary: 1.Melting ~ Magma OR Lava 2.Cooling ~ Extrusive OR Intrusive Sedimentary Rock Vocabulary: 1.Weathering 2.Erosion 3.Deposition 4.Compaction 5.Cementation ~ Clastic OR Organic OR Chemical Metamorphic Rock Vocabulary: 1.Heat 2.Pressure ~ Foliated OR Non-Foliated	Includes all of the following: Igneous Rock Vocabulary: 1.Melting 2.Cooling Sedimentary Rock Vocabulary: 1.Weathering 2.Erosion 3.Deposition 4.Compaction 5.Cementation Metamorphic Rock Vocabulary: 1.Heat 2.Pressure	Lacks 1 or 2 of the three point vocabulary list.	Lacks 3 or more of the three point vocabulary list.
Conventions		* few, if any, errors are present in usage and sentence formation * effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	* some errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed * adequate use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	* frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning * inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling	* errors are frequent and severe and meaning is often obscure

Other Points: Pre-Write & Rough Draft Finished (3 pts). This rubric is included with and stapled to your pre-write and

final draft (2 pts).

Your Score = _____/25 pts

Pre-Write

General Outline for a Body Paragraph in an Essay:

Body Paragraph (7-12 sentences)

- A. **Topic sentence** for point 1
- B. **First point** sentence
- C. One or two **supporting** sentences for the first point
- D. **Second point** sentence
- E. One or two **supporting** sentences for the second point
- F. **Third point** sentence
- G. One or two **supporting** sentences for the third point
- H. Transition to next topic

Pre-Write Rock Cycle

For each of the three steps in the rock cycle, tell how you will personify the rock to accurately reflect what is going on. This is where you should include the use of all your vocabulary. Use list format in each box to remember what vocabulary to use where, and make note of how you will use the word.

The diagram illustrates the Rock Cycle with three personified rock characters: a Metamorphic Rock (top left), a Sedimentary Rock (top right), and an Igneous Rock (bottom center). The text "The Rock Cycle" is written in the center. Three large, rounded rectangular boxes with wavy lines on the left side are connected to the characters by curved lines, providing space for pre-writing notes. The top box is connected to the Metamorphic Rock, the bottom-left box to the Igneous Rock, and the bottom-right box to the Sedimentary Rock.

Metamorphic Rocks

Sedimentary Rocks

The Rock Cycle

Igneous Rocks

I hope you enjoyed your trip around the rock cycle. Although you were able to see me in three different steps of the cycle, this is merely a fraction of the many forms I have been and will become. Maybe one day I will become your diamond ring or the decorative rock in your front yard. Even better, I'd love to visit the beaches of Hawaii and soak up some sun. It's time for me to get ready for my next trip, so I'll be seeing you later; even if you don't recognize me.