Forward Exam Short Write Student Checklist

Name _____ Date _____

How each short write is scored

One score from **1 to 3** on the rubric for that mode. You write **two** short writes, so 6 points in all.

Mode	Grades
Opinion	3–5
Argumentative	6–8
Informative	3–8
Narrative	3–8

The prompt is your checklist

There's no Writer's Checklist on the test. The prompt lists what to include, like "introduce your topic" or "include a concluding statement." **Underline every one.**

You don't have to quote the passage. Spelling doesn't count against you if it can be read.

Before you write

- [ ] I figured out the mode: opinion or argument, informative, or narrative.
- [ ] I underlined every instruction in the prompt.

My paragraph

- [ ] My focus is clear and fits the mode.
- [ ] My first sentence introduces the topic and makes the reader want to keep going.
- [ ] My details or reasons are organized to get my idea across.
- [ ] I used transitions and vocabulary that connect my ideas ("because," "another reason is").
- [ ] My last sentence is a real conclusion that supports my topic.
- [ ] I reread for errors that would get in the way of my meaning.

My plan

Opening sentence	Details or reasons	Concluding sentence

One paragraph is expected, but a story with dialogue can run longer without a penalty. Student summary based on DPI's Forward Exam short-write rubrics (grade 6 informative rubric shown) and Short Write FAQs; not an official DPI document.