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| **Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****6 Traits of Effective Writing: Graphic Organizer**For each element below, provide 1) a brief description, and 2) an example that supports your description  |
| **--------------------------------------------------------------------------AUTHOR’S STYLE/VOICE--------------------------------------------------------------------------** |
| **Personality** – describe the personality the author shared. Were the traits/amount of traits well-suited to the piece? |  |
| **Emotions**- describe the emotions the author shared with you. Was this effective? |  |
| **Thoughts**- describe the thoughts the author shared with you. Was this effective? |  |
| **Mood**- how did the piece make you feel? Was it well-suited to the piece? |  |
| **--------------------------------------------------------------------------LANGUAGE--------------------------------------------------------------------------** |
| **Verb Choices** – did the author consistently choose strong verbs (give an example)? |  |
| **Adjective Use**- did the author consistently choose strong adjectives (give an example)? |  |
| **Literary Devices/Figurative Language**- did the author use these (give an example)? |  |
| **--------------------------------------------------------------------------ORGANIZATION--------------------------------------------------------------------------** |
| **Organizational Patterns** describe the pattern the author used. Is it effective? |  |
| **Time-Span** – describe the time the author covered (lifetime, specific period, collection of moments). Is it effective? |  |

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| **--------------------------------------------------------------------------IDEAS/CONTENT--------------------------------------------------------------------------** |
| **Purpose** (for Writing) – what was it and is it effective? |  |
| **Central Idea/Theme**- what was is and did the author do a good job of explaining it? |  |
| **Significance/Lesson Learned**- what was it, and was it important and/or meaningful? |  |
| **-----------------------------------------------------------------------CONVENTIONS/SENTENCE STRUCTURE------------------------------------------------------------------** |
| **Use of Conventions** – did the author use conventions properly and effectively? |  |
| **Sentence Structure**- did the author structure his/her sentences effectively? |  |

\*Note: This is based off of the 6 Traits of Writing: Ideas, voice, organization, language, conventions, and sentence structure!