

Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

Name Class Date

Average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: Expository Writing (Unit 5, pages 246–249)

Assignment: For a travelers' guidebook, write a one-page article about the development and construction of a landmark in your neighborhood, city, or state.

The Harold Washington Public Library

In 1987 the city of Chicago wanted to build a new library. They wanted everyone in the city to be part of the decision so they came up with the idea of having a contest and a bunch of architects made drawings of what they thought the new building should look like and then the people in Chicago got to vote for the one they liked the best.

They had to think about a lot of different things. Some of the designs were really modern like something from the future but some of the others were very normal. The library was supposed to cost \$140 million dollars, that seems like a lot of money but for a whole building isn't bad. They also had to figure out what to do about the train because it was where they wanted to put the library. The winners were Hammond Beeby and Babka.

Those architects came up with a plan to use materials that other buildings around the library were made from so it fits right in. It also looks old fashioned because of this, and because of the big windows and other things. But there's also some modern things like the big green animals and things that are on top of roof. One of them is an owl that is supposed to stand for wisdom.

The library is named after mayor Harold Washington. Mayor Washington was the first African American mayor of Chicago. He was very popular. People called him "the people's mayor." He was mayor from 1983 to 1987. Then he had a heart attack and died. After he died, the city wanted to remember him some how so they decided to name the new library after him.

The Harold Washington Library Center is the biggest city library in the country. There are six floors full of books. There's also a bookstore and a coffee shop on the bottom floor and a garden where you can hang out and read.

Summary: *This piece includes accurate facts and other information, but vague language and the order of the paragraphs make some of the ideas confusing. More attention to the overall structure of the article and the use of more specific details would improve the writing.*

This piece might receive a 2 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 78 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—30 points for Focus/Organization, 23 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 25 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.

Opening introduces the subject but contains a run-on sentence.

Presents facts and other details but uses vague language

Grammatical errors and a lack of specific details distract from ideas.

Transitions are awkward and make the writing sound choppy.

Conclusion does not clearly reflect the main idea.