

**I Used To Be....., But Now I..... Poem
Grading Rubric**

Picture of you when you were young and today	____/2
Title	____/3
Idea Development:	____/5
The topic is narrow, relevant and quality details, writing experience.	5
The topic is broad, some details, not specific details	3
No main idea of the topic, information limited, little or no details	1
Organization:	____/5
Inviting introduction, satisfying conclusion, thoughtful transitions, logical sequencing, original title, flows	5
OK introduction and conclusion, some transitions don't work, sequencing doesn't support ideas, pacing is slow or fast, title not inspiring	3
no real introduction or conclusion, no connection between ideas, sequencing needs work, pacing feels awkward, no title	1
Voice:	____/5
Tone adds interest, audience is clear, reader can see the writer, writer takes risks, strong commitment to the topic, honest and personal	5
Writer is aware of audience but doesn't use personal insights, writer is safe, only a few intriguing moments, doesn't build credibility, somewhat sincere	3
Writer is not concerned with audience, flat message, risk-free, lifeless, topic is limited	1
Word Choice:	____/5
Words are specific and accurate, words catch the reader's attention, appropriate for audience, lively verbs, enhance meaning,	5
Words are adequate and correct, familiar words, passive verbs, words are functional.	3
Nonspecific words, problems with language, audience is not considered, limited vocabulary	1
Conventions:	____/5
Spelling is correct, punctuation is correct, capitalization, grammar and usage correct, well edited	5
Spelling is usually correct, punctuation is usually correct, most words are capitalized correctly, problems with grammar, moderate editing	3
Frequent spelling error, punctuation is missing, capitalization is random, errors in grammar, very little editing	1
Total	____/30 pts