**Writing an Observation Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**



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|  |  | **Fully meeting expectations, with enriched understanding (EU)** | **Fully meeting grade level expectations (FM)** | **Mostly meeting grade level expectations (MM)** | **Not yet meeting grade level expectations (NY)** |
| **Message/Meaning** | Clarity of message | Wow! You explained your observation clearly and with rich detail. | You explained your observation clearly. | Think about your observation. What other details can you add to make your observation more clear? | An observation is something you view and record information about. Think about your observation. What did you see, hear, touch, feel, or taste? |
| **Organization and Coherence** | Clear, coherent sentences with a logical order | You fluently write more than the required amount of richly descriptive sentences. These are presented in a clearly logical sequence. | You independently write six clear, coherent sentences presented in a logical sequence. | With help you write clear descriptions. Work on making your sentences make sense and are in order. | With much help you write to describe what you see. Use words like first, next, then and finally to organize your sentences. |
| Central Idea | You fluently organize your observations around a central idea which is clearly developed. | You independently write your observations around a central idea which is easily identified by the reader. | With help you organize your ideas around a central idea. Work on clarifying how details connect to that central idea. | What was the observation about? What happened during the observation? Be sure to add details to your central idea. |
| **Style and Language Choices** | Word Choice | You choose concise words that make it very easy for the reader visualize what you observed. | You independently choose words that help the reader visualize what you observed. | With help, you choose words that help the reader visualize what you observed. Think about how you can pick good words that truly say what you want to say. | What words can be used to help the reader visualize what you observed? Make sure that before you start writing you have a plan for what you will say and the kinds of words you might use. |
| Cues & Conventions | You have used correct punctuation and capitalization. | Most punctuation and capitalization is correct. | Remember all sentences need capital letters and punctuation. | Use punctuation and capitalization in your sentences. |