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Rubrics are multidimensional sets of scoring guidelines that can be used to provide consistency in evaluating student work. Rubrics also help teachers authentically monitor a student's learning process and develop and revise a lesson plan. They provide a way for a student and a teacher to measure the quality of a body of work. When a student's assessment of his or her work and a teacher's assessment don't agree, they can schedule a conference to let the student explain his or her understanding of the content and justify the method of presentation. There are two common types of rubrics: team and project rubrics. Team Rubrics. I like to use writing rubrics because they help me to be consistent when grading student writing. Rubrics also set up my expectations to help me, my students and parents see what I am looking for. Making/using rubrics helps me to really think about what I expect from my students as writers. On to the Writing Rubrics Megapack! So this pack could be a little overwhelming. It is 150 pages. Kindergarten is tough because I wasn't sure how much you could use. If you teach kinder and have questions, please email me. If you teach 4th/5th, these may work for you too. If you teach 4th or 5th, send me an email and I'll send you a preview to see if it works for your grades. I'd love to hear suggestions for how to improve or add to this pack. Thanks Rubrics can be excellent tools to use when assessing students' work for several reasons. You might consider developing and using rubrics if: You find yourself re-writing the same comments on several different students' assignments. Your marking load is high, and writing out comments takes up a lot of your time. Students repeatedly question you about the assignment requirements, even after you've handed back the marked assignment. You want to address the specific components of your marking scheme for student and instructor use both prior to and following the assignment submission. You find your