

	Developing towards Grade Level Expectation	Approaching the Grade Level Expectation	Meeting the Grade Level Expectation	Exceeding the Grade Level Expectation
IDEAS: <i>the central message supported by enriching detail</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea is unclear limited or confusing detail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> emerging central idea some connection to the topic some appropriate details included leaves some unanswered questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> main idea is clear directly addresses the topic relevant and appropriate details engages the reader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ideas is original and innovative, demonstrating maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.
ORGANIZATION: <i>the internal structure, the thread of central meaning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> problems with organization make the text difficult to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has a recognizable introduction has a recognizable conclusion makes an attempt to use transitions paragraphing is effective at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> has an effective introduction has an effective conclusion uses effective transitions sequencing is logical paragraphing is consistently effective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization demonstrates a maturity or sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.
VOICE: <i>the unique perspective and style of the writer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voice is limited voice suits purpose and audience at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voice is mostly engaging voice mostly suits purpose and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voice is consistently engaging voice is appropriate to purpose and audience voice is sustained throughout the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice is consistently compelling, original, and moving, demonstrating maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.
WORD CHOICE, <i>precise and vivid language that moves and engages the reader</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> word choice is limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> repetitive use of words and phrases words sometimes used inappropriately words are adequate but basic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> word choice enhances and clarifies meaning and is consistently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> precise accurate effective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word choice demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.
SENTENCE FLUENCY: <i>the rhythm, flow and sound of language</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors in sentence construction impair fluency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sentences are usually effective and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are mostly well constructed include some variety in length, structure, and beginnings are mostly fluent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sentences are consistently effective and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are well constructed vary in length and structure begin in a variety of ways flow smoothly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentence fluency demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.
CONVENTIONS: <i>the mechanical correctness of the piece</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors in conventions distract the reader and make the text difficult to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conventions are mostly correct, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> grammar/usage spelling punctuation paragraphing/formatting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> conventions are consistently correct, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> grammar/usage spelling punctuation paragraphing/formatting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of conventions demonstrates maturity and sophistication beyond the grade level expectation.

Alex Broegger

March 3, 2014

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Dear Award Committee President,

My name is Waldemar de Brito. It may not be a surprise that I'm writing to you about Pele. I discovered Pele playing soccer in Bauru, Brazil while scouting the best players Brazil has to offer. I have been in this business for years and have met many talented players, but none as skillful as Pele. My experience with this committee grants me permission to write this letter. Pele's passion and determination for soccer makes him a ravishing player. Therefore, I highly recommend Pele to be this years recipient of the President's Meritorious Award. ✓

Since a boy, Pele has outshone everyone on the pitch with his natural talents, skill and his eye for goal. His incredible ability with the ball creates a threat against any team. Pele has set a legacy impossible to beat. Winning a World Cup at 17 is unimaginable for others his age. He's fully committed to every game and has a drive to improve, making him qualified for this award. Without his valuable talents, it would have been a struggle for Brazil to pull off 3 World Cup titles. Pele is a very nice individual and his kind hearted work towards unfortunate children makes him very special. ✓

Pele demonstrates resilience, collaboration, compassion and creativity on and off the pitch. Poverty, divorce and injuries could have concluded Pele's career but his resilience allowed him to keep pursuing his dream. It shows how determined Pele is to play the game he loves. Pele is an amazing team player and shares his passion of the game with others. He supports and collaborates well with his colleagues leading them to victory. What makes Pele a deadly player is his creative footwork and skill on the pitch which troubles any defence. Pele impresses everyone for his compassion and care for ✓

the unfortunate, including his role as Unicef Goodwill Ambassador. He visits charities and builds hospitals to help unfortunate children. ✓

Pele is unique and incredibly talented soccer player. He is very passionate about the game and loves to share it with others. His determination to win makes Pele a divine player. His amazing collaboration skill with his teammates has led him to 3 World Cup wins. Pele has an eye for goal like no other. His creative footwork can trouble any team. Pele is a very compassionate and his dedicated work towards unfortunate children makes him a special individual. Pele's resilience is a key to his success. He has overcome so many difficult roadblocks which could have ended his career, but he kept finding a way around. Pele is inarguably the best player to have set foot on a soccer pitch. ✓

Once again, I highly recommend Pele to be this years recipient of the President's Meritorious Award. I believe that his passion and determination for the game has not been matched by previous players. While Pele continues to strive forward, he impresses me by his loving care towards the unfortunate children making him a very special person. ✓

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, roughly circular shape with a question mark to its right.

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