**Writing Challenge #4 (Menu Writing) – grading rubric**

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|  | **Number of menu items** | **Menu is thematic** | **Menu items “sell” the food (explain why it is special)** | **Mechanics (grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.)** | **Quality Work** |
| **4** | **There are 20 menu items with descriptions** | **The menu (1) is for a restaurant with a theme, (2) has 20 items that tie in with the theme, (3) has 20 menu items with catchy names** | **ALL** **of the menu items have descriptions that “sell” the food or explain why it is “special”** | **The paper contains no errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.** | **The menu is (1) neat, (2) creative, (3) colorful, and (4) represents 100% effort** |
| **3** | **There are 15-19 menu items with descriptions** | **MOST of the menu meets the above characteristics** | **MOST of the menu items have descriptions that “sell” the food or explain why it is “special”** | **The paper contains few errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.** | **The menu has three (3) of the above characteristics** |
| **2** | **There are 10-14 menu items with descriptions** | **SOME of the menu meets the above characteristics** | **SOME of the menu items have descriptions that “sell” the food or explain why it is “special”** | **The paper has quite a few errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling, but the paper is still easy to read** | **The menu has two (2) of the above characteristics** |
| **1** | **There are 5-10 menu items with descriptions** | **NOT MUCH of the menu meets the above characteristics** | **FEW of the menu items have descriptions that “sell” the food or explain why it is “special”** | **The paper has enough errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling that it’s difficult to read** | **The menu has one(1) of the above characteristics** |
| **0** | **No menu items are described** | **NONE of the menu meets the above characteristics** | **NONE of the menu items have descriptions that “sell” the food or explain why it is “special”** | **The paper has many errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling – it was obviously not edited and is very difficult to read** | **The menu has none (0) of the above characteristics** |