

Introduction: Organ systems work to provide a body with a certain “service”, such as circulating blood, or getting wastes out of blood. Each system is able to do the job but depends on other systems for support. No system can work alone. In this activity, you will take the part of a body system and write to another system about a topic that you both share. The message can be creative but must be based in facts.

Directions:

1. Chose an organ system from: digestive, respiratory, circulatory, urinary, nervous, skeletal or muscular.
2. Research how the system you picked relates to another system. Which two systems have you chosen? _____
3. List information about the relationship between the two systems below. For example, the circulatory system (heart, blood vessels) moves the blood to the respiratory system (lungs) where oxygen is picked up and carbon dioxide is removed.

List:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

Directions: Circle one from each column to write about. Fill in the blanks if you wish to insert your own ideas.

Role	Audience	Format	Topic
Urinary System	Circulatory System	Thank-you note	I couldn't do it without you.
Circulatory System	Respiratory System	Series of text messages	I'm a little short of oxygen here, what can you do?
Muscular System	Skeletal System	Poem, essay	
Digestive System			
Nervous System			

Rubric

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Voice	Voice is correct for the format chosen.	Voice is partially matched to format.	Voice is incorrect for the format.
Content	5 factual statements are provided	3 factual statements are provided	1 factual statement is provided.
Organization	Style is correct for the chosen format.	Style is partially correct for the chosen format.	Style is not correct for the format.
Conventions	Spelling and grammar mistakes do not detract from writing.	Some mistakes made in spelling and grammar are distracting.	Many mistakes in spelling and grammar detract from writing.

