What is a Rubric?

A Rubric…

1. articulates in writing the criteria and standards that an instructor uses to evaluate student work.¹
2. pinpoints elements of a task that matter most and helps the instructor distinguish relative quality of student work

What are primary traits?

1. essential or central components of a discipline.²
2. important elements of an assignment or presentation

What are Criteria?

1. the conditions that any performance or assignment must meet to be successful
2. a standard by which a judgment or decision may be based

² From Doug Eder’s handout, “Primary Trait Analysis,” that he shared in a workshop sponsored by the UI Center for Teaching in June 2006. See also the following website: [http://www.siue.edu/assessment/](http://www.siue.edu/assessment/). Used with permission from Doug Eder.