

INFORMATIONAL WRITING: ESSAY RUBRIC

6th-8th Grade English

Category	Criteria	Your Progress Toward Mastery		
Introduction	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory sentence/hook • Relevant background information • Thesis (main claim with three prongs) 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Body Paragraph 1	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic sentence (with sub-claim) • Introduce the words/ideas from research (cite) • Strong, relevant proof/evidence • Explanation (connecting topic sentence and thesis to evidence) • Transitions (between ideas or paragraphs) 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Body Paragraph 2	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic sentence (with sub-claim) • Introduce the words/ideas from research (cite) • Strong, relevant proof/evidence • Explanation (connecting topic sentence and thesis to evidence) • Transitions (between ideas or paragraphs) 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Body Paragraph 3	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic sentence (with sub-claim) • Introduce the words/ideas from research (cite) • Strong, relevant proof/evidence • Explanation (connecting topic sentence and thesis to evidence) • Transitions (between ideas or paragraphs) 	Met	Making progress	Not yet
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Conclusion	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize argument • Extend your thoughts 	Met Met	Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet
Form & Style	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All tenses match • All subject/verbs agree • Variety of type of sentences • Transitions between ideas 	Met Met Met Met	Making progress Making progress Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet Not yet Not yet
Language & Mechanics	Check for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pronouns in the proper case • Appropriate spelling, grammar, and punctuation • Fix any comma splices or fragments or run-ons 	Met Met Met	Making progress Making progress Making progress	Not yet Not yet Not yet