Informational Writing Rubric

1st Grade English Language Arts

Rubric Scoring Key	Fully meets (4) All criteria present in the writing	Mostly meets (3) Most criteria present, with some misunderstandings	Partially meets (2) Criteria attempted, but major misunderstandings	Does not meet yet (1) Criteria are not attempted or not enough evidence to rate

Structure	Rubric Score	Notes
Sections Includes an introduction, supporting sentences, and a concluding sentence in the correct order	4 3 2 1	
Introduction Introduces the topic; Introduction uses a lead that captures the reader's interest	4 3 2 1	
Conclusion Includes a concluding sentence connected to the topic to provide a sense of closure; May be a different sentence type	4 3 2 1	

Development	Rubric Score	Notes
Details Includes 2–3 facts and details to develop and support the topic; Facts are accurate	4 3 2 1	
Text Features As called for by the task, uses 1–2 text features to teach the reader more about the topic, including a title, illustrations, headings, or labels	4 3 2 1	

Language	Rubric Score	Notes
Grammar Includes complete simple sentences; varies sentence types Uses nouns correctly, including common, proper, and possessive nouns; singular and plural nouns with matching verbs; personal, possessive, and indefinite pronouns Uses verbs correctly, including past, present, and future verb tense Uses frequently occurring adjectives correctly	4 3 2 1	
Conventions Uses correct capitalization conventions, including beginning of a sentence, "I" pronoun, dates, names of people Uses correct punctuation conventions, including end of a sentence, commas in dates, commas to separate single words in a series	4 3 2 1	

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