

Informational Writing Rubric

6th 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
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Structure	Rubric Score	Notes
Introduction Clearly introduces the topic; provides basic context for understanding; prepares the reader for the information that follows	4 3 2 1	
Organization Groups related ideas into clear paragraphs or sections; uses appropriate text structures such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, or cause-and-effect; chooses a structure that supports understanding of the topic	4 3 2 1	
Conclusion Provides a concluding statement or section related to the information presented; follows logically from the ideas in the piece; reinforces the topic and explains why it matters	4 3 2 1	

Development	Rubric Score	Notes
Details Develops the topic using relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, and examples; selects information carefully to explain the topic clearly; includes sufficient details to support the reader's understanding	4 3 2 1	
Text Features Uses formatting features such as headings or subheadings to guide the reader; may include visuals such as charts or tables when they support understanding; ensures text features are clearly connected to the content	4 3 2 1	

Language	Rubric Score	Notes
<p>Style Uses appropriate transitions to show connections among ideas; selects precise and topic-specific vocabulary; maintains a formal style and consistent tone throughout</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	
<p>Grammar Demonstrates consistent command of grade-level grammar and usage by correctly applying pronoun case, maintaining agreement in pronoun number and person, and using varied sentence structures</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	
<p>Conventions Uses correct capitalization and punctuation conventions, including using punctuation to set off nonrestrictive elements</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	