

# Informational Writing Rubric

## 7th Grade English Language Arts

<b>Rubric Scoring Key</b>	<b>Fully meets (4)</b> All criteria present in the writing	<b>Mostly meets (3)</b> Most criteria present, with some misunderstandings	<b>Partially meets (2)</b> Criteria attempted, but major misunderstandings	<b>Does not meet yet (1)</b> Criteria are not attempted or not enough evidence to rate
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<b>Structure</b>	<b>Rubric Score</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Introduction</b> Clearly introduces the topic; provides essential background knowledge; previews the main ideas that will be developed	4 3 2 1	
<b>Organization</b> Logically groups related ideas into organized paragraphs or sections; uses text structures such as sequence, chronology, cause and effect, comparison, or problem and solution; supports reader understanding through clear organization	4 3 2 1	
<b>Conclusion</b> Provides a coherent concluding section; follows logically from the information presented; reinforces the topic and helps the reader understand its significance	4 3 2 1	

<b>Development</b>	<b>Rubric Score</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Details</b> Develops the topic using relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and examples; selects information that deepens the reader's understanding; explains ideas with increasing depth and clarity	4 3 2 1	
<b>Text Features</b> Includes relevant headings, subheadings, visuals, or multimedia; selects features that clarify or extend the information presented; integrates text features smoothly with the written content	4 3 2 1	

<b>Language</b>	<b>Rubric Score</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p><b>Style</b>            Uses appropriate transitions to create cohesion; clarifies relationships among ideas; selects precise and topic-specific vocabulary; maintains a formal style and consistent tone throughout</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	
<p><b>Grammar</b>            Demonstrates consistent command of grade-level grammar and usage, which enhances clarity and contributes to the overall meaning of the narrative, including cumulative adjectives, use of phrases and clauses, and varied sentence structure</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	
<p><b>Conventions</b>            Applies correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization that support the clarity and flow of the writing</p>	<p>4 3 2 1</p>	