

Informative/Expository Writing Rubric

	Your writing is fantastic. <i>3 Points</i>	Nice work. <i>2 Points</i>	It can even be better. <i>1 Point</i>	You can do better. <i>0 Points</i>
Title	N/A	N/A	I included a title.	I did not have a title.
Topic Sentence	N/A	Complete. My topic sentence restates the prompt and introduces the topic I am going to write about clearly.	Partial. I included a topic sentence, but it either didn't restate the prompt or did not introduce the topic well.	Never. I did NOT include a topic sentence.
Organization	Always. I included 3 big ideas. My paragraph(s) had a clear structure and included transition phrases and words.	Often. I included only two big ideas, but still wrote clear paragraphs and included transition phrases and words.	Some. I included only one big idea and/or lacked a clear structure with transitional words and phrases.	Never. My paragraphs were not organized well. I lacked multiple big ideas. I did NOT include transitional words or phrases.
Details	Always. For each one of my "Big Ideas," I included more details that included facts from the article. My writing included/cited evidence from the text.	Often. For each one of my "Big Ideas," I included more details but was missing factual evidence from the text.	Some. I didn't do a very good job of giving more details about my "Big Ideas." I did NOT cite/include evidence from the text.	Never. I didn't have any more information about each one of my "Big Ideas." I didn't cite evidence from the text.
Conclusion Sentence	N/A	Complete. My essay had a conclusion. My conclusion was about the prompt but was not exactly the same as my topic sentence.	Partial. I attempted to write a conclusion, but it wasn't about the prompt or it WAS the exact same as my topic sentence.	Never. I did NOT include a conclusion in my essay.

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Conventions	Always. I ensured that all words at the beginning of a sentence were capitalized. I placed punctuation at the end of all sentences. My spelling is spot on. My writing is easy to read.	Often. For the most part, I included capital letters at the beginning of all sentences. For the most part, I included punctuation at the end of my sentences. My writing is easy to read.	Some. I forgot to capitalize the beginning of my sentences. I did NOT include much punctuation needed to make my paragraphs sound good. My writing can be difficult to read.	Never. I did NOT have any capital letters where needed. I did NOT include any punctuation. Because of the lack of capitalization and punctuation, my paragraphs are difficult to read.
Word Choice	Always. I included transition words or phrases. I varied my word choice so that I wasn't using the same words too often. I included adjectives and adverbs to help my writing be more exciting to read.	Often. For the most part, I included transition words and phrases to help my paragraphs and ideas flow well. I attempted to vary my word choice so that I wasn't using the same words too often. I tried to use adjectives and adverbs to help my writing be more exciting, but I could have done better.	Some. I didn't really do well with including transition words or phrases. I used some words too often. I didn't include adjectives and adverbs to help my writing read better.	Never. I didn't have any transition words or phrases. I used the same words over and over again. I didn't attempt to make my writing exciting to read by using adjectives and adverbs.