

Informative-Explanatory Writing Rubric 3-6																			
4 pts	Purpose and Organization	4 pts	Evidence and Elaboration	2 pts	Conventions and Editing														
1 pt <input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>PLAN</b> I understood what the prompt was asking me to do. I made a detailed plan before writing. (TIDE: Topic Ideas Details Ending)</p> <p><b>BEGINNING</b> I clearly introduced the topic using a complete sentence. I introduced the main ideas about the topic in my first paragraph.</p>	2 pts <input type="checkbox"/>	I used details that gave: <i>examples, definitions, facts, explanations, stories, or data</i> from the texts that helped the reader understand each main idea better.	1 pt <input type="checkbox"/>	I wrote each sentence correctly. Each sentence had a subject and a predicate.														
1 pt <input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>MIDDLE</b> I wrote one paragraph for each main idea (that I listed in the introductory paragraph) that included details about each main idea.</p>	1 pt <input type="checkbox"/>	I wrote these details in my own words, or used the phrase, "according to the author", or "in the text it says" to properly cite evidence.	1 pt <input type="checkbox"/>	I spelled words correctly. I capitalized, and used punctuation correctly.														
1 pt <input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>TRANSITIONS</b> I used transition words and phrases (based on the text structure) to connect paragraphs and ideas together.</p> <p><i>Examples:</i>  <b>Description:</b> <i>one fact, another fact, one important idea, another important idea.</i>  <b>Cause/effect or Problem/solution:</b> <i>because, since, as a result,</i>  <b>Compare/contrast:</b> <i>(for similarities) also, additionally, just as, (for differences), however, on the other hand, instead.</i>  <b>Sequence:</b> <i>first, second, also, finally, in addition</i></p>	1 pt <input type="checkbox"/>	I used specific words that matched what the topic was about and who the audience was.	Total pts															
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