

EXPLANATORY WRITING RUBRIC

	1 NEEDS SUPPORT	2 APPROACHING STANDARD	3 MEETS STANDARD	4 EXCEEDS STANDARD
INTRODUCTION	Does not introduce the topic	Attempts to introduce the topic	Introduces the topic	Introduces the topic in an interesting way
CONTENT	Does not use facts, definitions, and details	Attempts to use facts, definition, and details	Uses facts, definitions, and details	Uses many facts, definitions, and details
LINKING WORDS	Does not use linking words	Attempts to use linking words	Uses linking words correctly	Uses many linking words correctly to connect ideas within categories of information
CLOSING	Does not provide a closing	Attempts to provide a closing	Provides a closing	Provides a strong closing
MECHANICS	Does not use capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly	Attempts to use capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly	Uses most capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly	Uses capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly