

## Rubric Design for Informative or Explanatory Writing

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Introduction of Topic</b>   |                           |   |   |   | Introduction is clear and effective.                                    |
| <b>Grouping of Information</b> |                           |   |   |   | Information is grouped logically by topic and supporting evidence.      |
| <b>Illustrations</b>           |                           |   |   |   | Illustrations clearly support the topic and enhance the writing.        |
| <b>Topic Development</b>       | <b>Use of Facts</b>       |   |   |   | Facts are accurate and support the topic.                               |
|                                | <b>Use of Details</b>     |   |   |   | Details enhance understanding of the topic.                             |
|                                | <b>Use of Definitions</b> |   |   |   | Definitions are effective and supply reader with important information. |
| <b>Connecting Ideas</b>        | <b>Linking Words</b>      |   |   |   | Linking words are well-chosen and used effectively to connect ideas.    |
|                                | <b>Phrases</b>            |   |   |   | Phrases are well-chosen and used effectively to connect ideas.          |
| <b>Conclusion</b>              |                           |   |   |   | Conclusion effectively wraps up and gives closure to the writing.       |