**Assessment Rubric**: Explanatory Writing

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| Name: |  | Date: |  |

Rate your explanatory writing from 1 (incomplete) to 6 (amazing) for each trait below. Add the scores together and divide by the number of traits (6) to find your overall score.

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|  | **STIMULATING IDEAS** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .**** presents a clear thesis about an interesting topic.
* supports the thesis using strong main points and a variety of engaging details.
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|  | **LOGICAL ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .**** catches the reader’s attention at the beginning and provides the thesis statement.
* includes a well-formed paragraph for each main point.
* ends by thoughtfully wrapping up the explanation.
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|  | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .**** uses a confident, knowledgeable voice to explain.
* conveys interest to the reader.
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|  | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .**** uses action verbs and precise nouns.
* defines any unfamiliar terms.
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|  | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .**** varies sentence types, lengths, and beginnings.
* reads smoothly from sentence to sentence.
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|  | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .**** has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling.
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