**Assessment Rubric**: Explanatory Writing

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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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| 1 | **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. |
| 2 | **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. |
| 1 | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * uses a confident, knowledgeable voice to explain. * conveys interest to the reader. |
| 2 | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * uses action verbs and precise nouns. * defines any unfamiliar terms. |
| 1 | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * varies sentence types, lengths, and beginnings. * reads smoothly from sentence to sentence. |
| 3 | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The explanation . . .***   * has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling. |

You have accurately listed the results of your study, but you do not explain them for readers. The explanation would make this an analysis. Each bulleted list should become a complete paragraph. Each bulleted item should become one or more sentences explaining the result and telling their significance. Including links to sources would also improve this paper.