**Explanatory Rubric**

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| **Name:** |  | **Title:** | Using Hydrochloric Acid (Excellent) |



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| 5 | **Ideas** |
| The writing . . .   * includes a clear, effective thesis statement. * provides a variety of interesting details to support it. | |
| 5 | **Organization** |
| * begins by capturing the reader’s interest and providing the thesis statement. * has an effectively organized middle. * focuses on one main point for each middle paragraph. * ends by summarizing the ideas and giving the reader a final thought. | |
| 5 | **Voice** |
| * has a voice that shows knowledge of the topic. * has a voice that engages the reader. | |
| 4 | **Word Choice** |
| * uses precise nouns and active verbs. | |
| 5 | **Sentence Fluency** |
| * uses a variety of sentence lengths and beginnings. * flows smoothly from one sentence to another. | |
| 5 | **Conventions** |
| * uses end punctuation and commas correctly. * correctly capitalizes first words and proper nouns. * avoids spelling errors. * correctly uses words (*there, they’re, their*). | |

**Comments:** The information in this document is very clear and well organized. The bold subheads and bulleted items work very well. You obviously know a great deal about this subject since you “speak” with such confidence.

In one or two spots, it would have been helpful to explain unfamiliar terms (“titrate” and “react”).

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