**Explanatory Rubric**

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|  | **Structure** |
| The writing . . .   * begins by introducing the topic and providing a clear focus statement. * includes a middle part that supports the focus. * organizes supporting details in a logical pattern. * ends by summarizing the important ideas and giving the reader a final thought. | |
|  | **Ideas** |
| * includes strong details to develop the topic. * effectively combines details to fully explain important points. * uses specific words to give the reader a clear understanding of the topic. * uses a variety of sentence lengths and beginnings. * sounds serious and interested. | |
|  | **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:**

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