**Explanatory Rubric**

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| **Name:** |   | **Title:** |  |



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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.
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|  | **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.
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|  | **Conventions** |
| * uses end punctuation and commas correctly.
* correctly capitalizes first words and proper nouns.
* avoids spelling errors.
* correctly uses words (*there, they’re, their*).
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**Comments:**

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