**Assessment** **Rubric:** Explanatory Writing

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Use this rubric to evaluate the quality of your explanatory writing. The rubric features the traits of good writing.

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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. |
| **Logical Organization***The explanation . . .* |
|  | catches the reader’s attention at the beginning provides the thesis statement. |
|  | includes a well-formed paragraph for each main point. |
|  | ends by thoughtfully wrapping up the explanation. |
| **Engaging Voice***The explanation . . .* |
|  | uses a confident, knowledgeable voice to explain. |
|  | conveys interest to the reader. |
| **Original Word Choice***The explanation . . .* |
|  | uses action verbs and precise nouns.  |
|  | Defines any unfamiliar terms.  |
| **Effective Sentence Style** *The explanation . . .* |
|  | varies sentences types, lengths, and beginnings.  |
|  | reads smoothly from sentence to sentence.  |
| **Correct, Accurate Copy***The explanation . . .* |
|  | has correct punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, and spelling. |