

Informative/Explanatory Writing Rubric – 3rd Grade



Ask Yourself:	1 ★	2 ★★	3 ★★★	4 ★★★★
Did you introduce the topic?	No, I didn't introduce my topic at all.	Well, I somewhat introduced my topic.	Yes, I introduced my topic.	Yes, I introduced my topic in a very creative way!
Did you group related information together?	No, I didn't group related information together.	Well, I grouped SOME related information together.	Yes, I grouped related information together.	Yes, I clearly grouped related information together in a very creative way!
Did you include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension?	No, I didn't include illustrations at all.	Well, I included a FEW illustrations to aide comprehension.	Yes, I included SEVERAL illustrations when useful to aide comprehension	Yes, I included MANY illustrations when useful to aide comprehension in a very creative way!
Did you develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details?	No, I didn't develop the topic with facts, definitions, or details.	Well, I developed the topic with a FEW facts, definitions, and details.	Yes, I developed the topic with SEVERAL facts, definitions, and details.	Yes, I developed the topic with MANY facts, definitions, and details in a very creative way!
Did you use linking words and phrases to connect ideas (<i>also, another, and, more, but</i>)?	No, I did not use linking words and phrases to connect ideas.	Well, I used SOME linking words and phrases to connect ideas .	Yes, I used SEVERAL linking words and phrases to connect ideas.	Yes, I used MANY linking words and phrases to connect ideas in a very creative way!
Did you provide a concluding statement or section?	No, I didn't provide a concluding statement or section at all.	Well, I somewhat provided a concluding statement or section.	Yes, I provided a concluding statement or section.	Yes, I provided a concluding statement or section in a very creative way!