

TNReady Grades 4-5 Informational/Explanatory Rubric

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Score	Focus & Organization	Development	Language	Conventions
4	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contains an effective and relevant introduction. utilizes effective organizational strategies to group related information logically¹ and to aid in comprehension. effectively establishes relationships among ideas and concepts. contains an effective and relevant concluding statement or section. 	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> utilizes well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient evidence² from the stimuli to thoroughly and insightfully develop the topic. thoroughly and accurately explains and elaborates on the evidence provided, demonstrating a clear, insightful understanding of the topic, task, and stimuli. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> illustrates consistent and sophisticated command of precise language and domain-specific vocabulary³ appropriate to the task. utilizes sophisticated and varied transitional words and phrases. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates consistent and sophisticated command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.⁴ may contain a few minor errors that do not interfere with meaning.
3	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contains a relevant introduction. utilizes adequate organizational strategies to group related information logically¹ and to aid in comprehension. adequately establishes most relationships among ideas and concepts. contains a relevant concluding statement or section. 	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> utilizes relevant and sufficient evidence² from the stimuli to adequately develop the topic. adequately and accurately explains and elaborates on the evidence provided, demonstrating a sufficient understanding of the topic, task, and stimuli. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> illustrates consistent command of precise language and domain-specific vocabulary.³ utilizes appropriate and varied transitional words and phrases. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates consistent command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.⁴ contains occasional minor and/or major errors, but the errors do not significantly interfere with meaning.
2	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contains a limited introduction. demonstrates an attempt to group related information, but ideas may be hard to follow at times. establishes some relationships between ideas and concepts, but there are lapses in focus. contains a limited concluding statement or section. 	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> utilizes mostly relevant but insufficient evidence² from the stimuli to partially develop the topic. Some evidence may be inaccurate or repetitive. explains some of the evidence provided, demonstrating only a partial understanding of the topic, task, and stimuli. There may be some level of inaccuracy in the explanation. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> illustrates inconsistent command of precise language and domain-specific vocabulary.³ utilizes basic or repetitive transitional words and phrases. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates inconsistent command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.⁴ contains frequent errors that may significantly interfere with meaning.
1	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contains no or an irrelevant introduction. demonstrates an unclear organizational structure; ideas may be hard to follow most of the time. fails to establish relationships between ideas and concepts; concepts are unclear and/or there is a lack of focus. contains no or an irrelevant concluding statement or section. 	In response to the task and the stimuli, the writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> utilizes mostly irrelevant or no evidence² from the stimuli, or mostly/only personal knowledge, to inadequately develop the topic. Evidence is inaccurate or repetitive. inadequately or inaccurately explains the evidence provided, demonstrating little understanding of the topic, task, and stimuli. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> illustrates little to no use of precise language and domain-specific vocabulary.³ utilizes no or few transitional words and phrases. 	The writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrates limited command of grade-level conventions of standard written English.⁴ contains numerous and repeated errors that seriously impede meaning.

¹ Logic is expected at grade 5.

² Evidence includes facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples as appropriate to the task and the stimuli.

³ Domain-specific vocabulary refers to the terminology used in the stimuli and/or associated with the topic.

⁴ Conventions of standard written English include sentence structure, grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.