

6-Point Rubric for Expository Writing

This rubric can help you score your writing.

Ideas

- 6 The topic and details are well developed.
- 5 The topic is clear and uses many details.
- 4 The details tell about the topic.
- 3 More details are needed.
- 2 Details that don't fit the topic confuse the reader.
- 1 The topic is not clear.

Organization

- 6 All parts of the essay are strong.
- 5 The beginning, middle, and ending work well.
- 4 The parts of the essay are in order.
- 3 Some parts are unclear.
- 2 All parts of the essay run together.
- 1 The order of information is confusing.

Word Choice

- 6 Words make the essay memorable.
- 5 Words make the meaning clear.
- 4 Most words tell about the topic.
- 3 Clearer words are needed.
- 2 Some words are overused.
- 1 Words are used incorrectly.

Conventions

- 6 Conventions are used well.
- 5 Most conventions are correct.
- 4 There are a few errors.
- 3 Errors may confuse the reader.
- 2 Errors make the essay hard to understand.
- 1 Help is needed to make corrections.