

Rubric for Expository Writing

The main purpose of a rubric is to help you do your best work. Use the rubric to make sure you understand what you are expected to learn. Is all of your work best described by column 4? If not, what can you improve? If you have access to a printer, you may want to print the rubric for reference as you work through the activities. Ask your teacher for help if you have any questions about the rubric.

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Research Questions	<p>Questions are relevant and engaging, and provoke thought on all important aspects of the topic.</p> <p>Questions provoke thought on all information needed for the chosen type of expository writing.</p>	<p>Questions are relevant, engaging, and address all important aspects of the topic.</p> <p>Questions provide all information needed for the chosen type of expository writing.</p>	<p>Questions are relevant but do not address some important aspects of the topic.</p> <p>Questions provide some appropriate information for the chosen type of expository writing.</p>	<p>Many questions are not relevant to the topic.</p> <p>Many questions would be more appropriate for another type of expository writing.</p>
Topic Choice	<p>The topic is focused and interesting to most readers.</p> <p>The chosen type of expository writing is the best way to approach the topic.</p>	<p>The topic is focused and interesting to some readers.</p> <p>The chosen type of expository writing is a good way to approach the topic.</p>	<p>The topic is focused but may not be interesting to readers.</p> <p>The chosen type of expository writing is one way to approach the topic, but it is not the best way.</p>	<p>The topic is too broad to be covered adequately.</p> <p>The chosen type of expository writing is not a good way to approach the topic.</p>
Writing Mechanics	<p>All words are spelled and capitalized correctly.</p> <p>All sentences are punctuated correctly.</p>	<p>Almost all words are spelled or capitalized correctly.</p> <p>Almost all sentences are punctuated correctly.</p>	<p>Several words are misspelled or capitalized incorrectly.</p> <p>Several sentences are punctuated incorrectly.</p>	<p>Many words are misspelled and capitalized incorrectly.</p> <p>Many sentences are punctuated incorrectly.</p>
File Management	Files are clearly named,	Files are clearly named	Work is not lost, but files	Work is lost because files

	consistently saved to the correct location, and well-organized in folders.	and consistently saved to the correct location, but they are not well-organized in folders.	are not clearly named or consistently saved to the correct location.	are not clearly named or consistently saved to the correct location.
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