

3rd Grade Informative/Explanatory Writing Rubric

	1 Needs Support	2 Approaching Standard	3 Meets Standard	4 Exceeds Standard
Introduction	Does not introduce the topic	Attempts to introduce the topic	Introduce the topic	Introduces the topic in an interesting way.
Content	Does not use facts, definitions, and details.	Attempts to use facts, definitions, and details	Uses facts, definitions, and details	Uses many facts, definitions, and details.
Linking Words	Does not use linking words.	Attempts to use linking words correctly.	Uses linking words correctly	Uses many linking words correctly to connect ideas within categories of information.
Closing	Does not provide a closing.	Attempts to provide a closing	Provides a closing.	Provides a strong closing.
Mechanics	Does not use capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly	Attempts to use capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly.	Uses most capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly	Uses capitalization, punctuation, and spelling correctly.