

Informative/Explanatory Rubric

	Focus and Organization	Evidence and Elaboration	Conventions
4	<p>The introduction engages the reader and states a thesis in a compelling way.</p> <p>The informative essay includes a clear introduction, body, and conclusion.</p> <p>The conclusion summarizes ideas and offers fresh insight into the thesis.</p>	<p>The essay includes specific reasons, details, facts, and quotations from selections and outside resources to support thesis.</p> <p>The tone of the essay is always formal and objective.</p> <p>The language is always precise and appropriate for the audience and purpose.</p>	<p>The essay uses standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.</p> <p>The essay contains no spelling errors.</p>
3	<p>The introduction engages the reader and sets forth the thesis.</p> <p>The essay includes an introduction, body, and conclusion.</p> <p>The conclusion summarizes ideas and supports the thesis.</p>	<p>The research includes some specific reasons, details, facts, and quotations from selections and outside resources to support the thesis.</p> <p>The tone of the research is mostly formal and objective.</p> <p>The language is generally precise and appropriate for the audience and purpose.</p>	<p>The essay demonstrates general accuracy in standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.</p> <p>The essay contains few spelling errors.</p>
2	<p>The introduction sets forth the thesis.</p> <p>The essay includes an introduction, body, and conclusions, but one or more parts is weak.</p> <p>The conclusion partially summarizes ideas but may not provide strong support of the thesis.</p>	<p>The research includes a few reasons, details, facts, and quotations from selections and outside resources to support the thesis.</p> <p>The tone of the research is occasionally formal and objective.</p> <p>The language is somewhat precise and appropriate for the audience and purpose.</p>	<p>The presentations demonstrates some accuracy in standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.</p> <p>The essay contains some spelling errors.</p>
1	<p>The introduction does not state the thesis clearly.</p> <p>The essay does not include an introduction, body, and conclusion.</p> <p>The conclusion does not summarize ideas and may not relate to the thesis.</p>	<p>Reliable and relevant evidence is not included.</p> <p>The tone of the essay is not objective or formal.</p> <p>The language used is imprecise and not appropriate for the audience and purpose.</p>	<p>The essay contains mistakes in standard English conventions of usage and mechanics.</p> <p>The essay contains many spelling errors.</p>