

GRADE 6 – INFORMATIVE/EXPLANATORY WRITING STUDENT RUBRIC

✓ = GREAT JOB

✓ = ALMOST THERE

— = ROOM TO GROW

See how you grow				Ask yourself: <i>Did I...?</i>
Focus on Task and Text	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> complete all parts of the prompt, and answer each part completely?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use a tone that fits the writing task and audience? (Example: humorous, serious)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> show insight into the topic or text by discussing relevant events, ideas, and key details?
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> introduce my topic focus in a formal, clear way?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> include an interesting observation to engage readers?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use strategies to organize ideas, concepts, and information? (Examples: definition, classification, comparison/contrast, cause/effect)
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use text features to help readers understand my ideas and information, such as formatting, graphics, or multimedia? Examples of formatting: headings, bullets, text boxes Examples of graphics: photographs or illustrations; charts, maps, or timelines Examples of multimedia: audio, video, web links
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> use many different appropriate transition words to clarify relationships between ideas?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> organize my ideas and information in a way that fits together logically and is mostly clear?
	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> ✓	<input type="checkbox"/> —	<input type="checkbox"/> end with a conclusion that fits with my information and adds more to the main idea?

See how you grow				Ask yourself: <i>Did I...?</i>
Development and Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> develop and explain the topic with relevant and specific details? (Examples: facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, examples)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include only relevant evidence and details to make my explanation accurate and complete? (Using a text if the prompt is text-based or print and digital sources if the prompt asks for additional research.)
				create writing that reflects
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> the format of the writing task? (Example: Use headlines and a hook for newspaper articles.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> my reason for writing?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> who my readers are and what they know about the topic?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include evidence from texts to support my ideas and information?
Language	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use formal style (school language, no slang, etc.) throughout the writing?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use precise language? (Example: Avoid overly general words like <i>nice, fun, pretty</i> .)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use domain-specific language ? (Example: Words particular to a topic or setting, such as unusual animals in that place.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use words that fit my audience and writing purpose? (Example: to explain the animals of Africa to visitors)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> include different kinds of sentences so my writing is clear and interesting?
Conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use the rules I know about writing, including grammar?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> check my writing so that it has no errors?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use pronouns correctly to replace nouns?
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use punctuation (commas, parentheses, dashes) to separate optional parts of the sentence? (Example: Use tools (hammers and nails) to build a doghouse.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> use the rules I know to spell correctly?