

Expository Writing Rubric Grades 3-5

4	<p>Advanced Proficient <i>The writing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly addresses all parts of the writing task • Demonstrates a clear purpose and maintains a consistent point-of-view, focus, and sense of audience • Clearly presents a central idea • Develops the topic in well-organized paragraphs (introduction, body, conclusion) with specific, well-chosen details using precise and varied vocabulary • Includes the effective use of transitions • Includes an engaging lead, a satisfying conclusion, and employs a variety of sentence structures to enhance the writing • Provides in-depth, relevant and accurate information • Uses an authoritative voice which conveys expertise on the topic
3	<p>Proficient <i>The writing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses all parts of the writing task • Demonstrates a general understanding of purpose and a mostly consistent point-of-view, focus, and sense of audience • Presents a central idea • Develops the topic in logical paragraphs (introduction, body, conclusion) with some supporting details using appropriate vocabulary • Includes the effective use of some transitions • Includes an appropriate lead and conclusion, and uses more than one sentence type • Provides adequate, relevant and accurate information • Uses a knowledgeable voice
2	<p>Partially Proficient <i>The writing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses only parts of the writing task • Demonstrates little understanding of purpose, point-of-view, focus, and audience • Suggests a central idea • Attempts to write paragraphs, but with few supporting details using limited vocabulary. Or may be a list. • May include ineffective or awkward transitions that do not unify important ideas • Lead and conclusion may be brief or confusing, and uses simple sentences • Provides limited information; may contain inaccuracies and irrelevant information • Uses a voice which may show some knowledge of the topic, or reader may be unsure of voice
1	<p>Non-Proficient <i>The writing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses only one part of the writing task • Demonstrates no understanding of purpose, and lacks point-of-view, focus, and sense of audience • Lacks a central idea • Has little paragraph structure with few/no details using simple words • No evidence of lead and conclusion, and sentence structure is simple or confusing • Provides little to no information relevant to the topic • Lacks voice and reveals little/no understanding of the topic

Note: The characteristics that are printed in bold ink distinguish the Expository genre from other writing genres.