

Elk Grove Unified School District – Informational/Explanatory Text-Based Rubric, Grade 3

	4 (Above Grade Level)	3 (At Grade Level)	2 (Approaching Grade Level)	1 (Below Grade Level)
<p>Focus/ Information CCSS*: ➤ RIT – 1 ➤ W – 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds skillfully to all parts of the prompt • Demonstrates a strong understanding of topic/text(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds to all parts of the prompt • Demonstrates an understanding of topic/text(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds to most parts of the prompt • Demonstrates limited understanding of topic/text(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responds to some or no parts of the prompt • Demonstrates little to no understanding of topic/text(s)
<p>Organization CCSS: ➤ W – 2a ➤ W – 2c ➤ W – 2d ➤ W – 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes ideas and information into logical, coherent paragraphs that are clear to the reader • Skillfully groups and structures related information in paragraphs and sections • Uses linking words and phrases strategically to connect ideas within categories of information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes ideas and information using a clear topic sentence, details, explanation, and concluding sentence • Groups related information together • Uses effective linking words and phrases to connect ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes ideas and information in an incomplete paragraph structure (e.g., missing conclusion) • Grouping of ideas lacks cohesion (e.g., list-like, rambling, or repetitive) • Attempts to use some simplistic linking words to connect ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes with no evidence of paragraph structure • Does not group related information together • Uses no linking words
<p>Support/ Evidence CCSS: ➤ RIT – 1 ➤ W – 2b ➤ W – 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skillfully uses relevant and substantial text support from the resources with accuracy • Uses credible and varied sources • Develops the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses relevant and sufficient text support from the resources with accuracy • Uses credible sources • Develops the topic with facts, definitions, and details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses mostly relevant text support but may lack sufficient evidence and/or accurate use • Uses mostly credible sources • Develops the topic with limited facts, definitions, or details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not use relevant or sufficient text support from the resources with accuracy • Uses few to no credible sources • Uses few to no facts, definitions, or details
<p>Language CCSS: ➤ L – 1 ➤ L – 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses purposeful and varied sentence structures • Demonstrates creativity and flexibility when using conventions (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling) to enhance readability • Utilizes precise and sophisticated word choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses correct and varied sentence structures • Demonstrates grade level appropriate conventions; errors are minor and does not interfere with readability • Utilizes strong and grade-level appropriate word choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses some correct sentence structures • Demonstrates some grade level appropriate conventions, but errors may interfere with readability • Utilizes vague or basic word choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses little to no correct sentence structure • Demonstrates limited understanding of grade level appropriate conventions, and errors interfere with the readability • Utilizes incorrect and/or simplistic word choice

*CCSS – Common Core State Standards alignment (“W” = Writing strand; “RIT” = Reading-Informational Text; “L”= Language strand)

NOTES: In the left criterion boxes of the rubric, the CCSS-aligned standards have been identified. As a resource for teachers, below are the standards for the current grade (3rd) as well as the preceding and subsequent grade. Since the rubric score of “4” represents “above grade level” work, the 4th grade standards were referenced.

CA Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Alignment

The letter abbreviations are as follows: CCSS = Common Core State Standards W = Writing RIT= Reading – Informational Text L=Language

Strand (Domain)	2nd	3rd	4th
Writing	<p>2. Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.</p> <p>4. With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.</p>	<p>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>a. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.</p> <p>b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.</p> <p>c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., also, another, and, more, but) to connect ideas within categories of information.</p> <p>e. Provide a concluding statement or section.</p> <p>4. With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.</p>	<p>2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>a. Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</p> <p>b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.</p> <p>c. Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).</p> <p>d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic. e. Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.</p> <p>4. Produce clear and coherent writing (including multi-paragraph texts) in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>8. Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes, paraphrase, and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.</p>
Reading – Informational Text	<p>1. Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.</p>	<p>1. Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.</p>	<p>1. Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.</p>
Language	<p>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <p>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p>	<p>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <p>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p>	<p>1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p> <p>2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.</p>