

Informational or Explanatory Text-Based Writing Rubric Grade 6

	Score of 4	Score of 3	Score of 2	Score of 1
Reading/Research 2 ×=	 The writing – makes effective use of available resources effectively uses relevant and sufficient text support from the resources with accuracy effectively integrates credible sources* 	 The writing – makes adequate use of available resources uses relevant and sufficient text support from the resources with accuracy uses credible sources* 	 The writing – makes limited use of available resources inconsistently uses relevant and sufficient text support from the resources with accuracy inconsistently uses credible sources* 	 The writing – makes inadequate use of available resources fails to use relevant and sufficient text support from the resources with accuracy attempts to use credible sources*
Development 3 × =	 The writing – addresses all aspects of the writing task with a tightly focused and detailed response skillfully develops the topic using facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples that are relevant and sufficient 	 The writing – addresses the writing task with a focused response develops the topic using facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples that are relevant and sufficient 	 The writing – addresses the writing task with an inconsistent focus inconsistently develops the topic using facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples that are relevant and sufficient 	 The writing – attempts to address the writing task but lacks focus develops the topic using facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples that are irrelevant and/or insufficient
Organization 2 × =	 The writing – effectively introduces the topic effectively organizes complex ideas, concepts, and information and supports the writing task uses effective transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts provides an effective concluding statement or a section that follows from the information or explanation presented 	 The writing – introduces the topic clearly organizes ideas, concepts, and information uses appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts provides a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented 	 The writing – introduces the topic organizes ideas, concepts, and information in a manner that may lack cohesion (ideas may be rambling and/or repetitive) inconsistently uses appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts provides a sense of closure 	 The writing – identifies the topic has little or no evidence of purposeful organization
Language/Conventions	 The writing – demonstrates an exemplary command of standard English conventions skillfully employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has sentences that are skillfully constructed with appropriate variety in length and structure provides basic bibliographic information for sources* 	 The writing – demonstrates a command of standard English conventions; errors do not interfere with understanding employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has sentences that are generally complete with sufficient variety in length and structure provides basic bibliographic information for sources* 	 The writing – demonstrates a limited and/or inconsistent command of standard English conventions; errors may interfere with understanding inconsistently employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose has some sentence formation errors and/or a lack of sentence variety attempts to provide basic bibliographic information for sources* 	 The writing – demonstrates a weak command of standard English conventions; errors interfere with understanding employs language and tone that are inappropriate to audience and purpose has frequent and severe sentence formation errors and/or a lack of sentence variety fails to provide basic bibliographic information for sources*

* If applicable