

Informational/Explanatory Essay Grading Rubric

Organization	10	8	6	2
	The ideas are arranged logically to support the purpose or argument. They flow smoothly from one to another, and are clearly linked to each other.	The ideas are arranged logically to support the central purpose or argument. They are usually clearly linked to each other.	In general, the writing is arranged logically, although occasionally ideas fail to make sense together.	The writing is not logically organized. Frequently, ideas fail to make sense together.
Grammar and Mechanics	20	16	12	4
	The writing is free or almost free of errors.	There are occasional errors that do not distract from the paper.	The writing has many errors, and they distract the reader.	The errors in the paper prevent the reader from reading.
MLA Format	20	16	12	4
	The paper has no MLA formatting errors. The paper is properly set-up, and the sources are correctly cited.	The paper has minor MLA formatting errors in either the set-up or the citations.	The paper has MLA errors in the set-up and in the citations.	The paper does not follow MLA format at all. There is no works cited page.
Introduction	10	8	6	2
	The introduction includes an excellent hook and an adequate thesis statement that clearly states the topic of the research paper.	The introduction includes a hook and an adequate thesis statement that states the topic of the research paper.	The introduction is missing the thesis, or the thesis is incorrect.	The paper is missing an introduction.
Body Paragraphs/ Ideas	30	24	18	6
	The body paragraphs include exemplary topic sentences, supporting examples, and explanations. The author's ideas are clearly presented and explained.	The body paragraphs include adequate topic sentences, supporting examples, and explanations. The author's ideas are mostly presented and explained.	The body paragraphs include an attempt at topic sentences, supporting examples, and explanations. The author's ideas are partially presented and explained.	The body paragraphs lack topic sentences, supporting examples, and explanations. Little to no research is presented.
Conclusion	10	8	6	2
	The conclusion restates the thesis and main ideas and provides a final thought.	The conclusion restates the thesis, but fails to provide a final thought.	The conclusion fails to restate the thesis.	The paper is missing a conclusion.

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