Name		Writing Task:				Date:			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Grade Informative Writing Rubr	ic	Total Score:	100 –	90 = A	89 – 80 = B 79 Fair	<del>-</del> 70	= C <70 = F Unsatisfactory	
Development	<ul> <li>addresses all aspects of the writing task with a tightly focused and detailed response</li> </ul>	15	<ul> <li>addresses the writing task with a focused response</li> </ul>	13	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		11	<ul> <li>attempts to address the writing task but lacks focus</li> </ul>	9
	<ul> <li>skillfully develops the topic using facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples that are relevant and sufficient</li> </ul>	15	<ul> <li>develops the topic using facts, definitions concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples that are relevant and sufficient</li> </ul>	12			11	<ul> <li>develops the topic using facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples that are irrelevant and/or insufficient</li> </ul>	9
	effectively uses relevant information from experiences or from print and digital sources	15	<ul> <li>uses relevant information from experiences or from print and digital sources</li> </ul>	13	<ul> <li>inconsistently uses relevant information from experiences or from print and digital sources</li> </ul>		11	fails to use relevant information from experiences or from print and digital sources	9
Organization	<ul> <li>effectively introduces the topic and groups related information in paragraphs and sections in a manner that supports the writing task</li> </ul>	12	• introduces the topic clearly and groups related information in paragraphs and sections	11	<ul> <li>introduces the topic and has a progression of ideas that may lack cohesion (i.e., list-like, rambling, or repetitive)</li> </ul>		9	<ul> <li>identifies the topic and fails to group related information in paragraphs and sections</li> </ul>	8
	<ul> <li>effectively links ideas within categories of information using words and/or phrases</li> </ul>	12	I links ideas within categories of information using words and/or phrases	11	• inconsistently links ideas within categories of information using words and/or phrases		9	• has little or no evidence of purposeful organization	8
	<ul> <li>provides an effective concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented</li> </ul>	12	<ul> <li>provides a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented</li> </ul>	11	■ attempts t	o provide a sense of closure	9	• fails to provide a sense of closure	8
Language/Conventi	<ul> <li>demonstrates a well-developed command of standard English conventions</li> </ul>	6	<ul> <li>demonstrates a command of standard English conventions; errors do not interfere with understanding</li> </ul>	5	demonstrates a limited and/or inconsistent command of standard English conventions; errors may interfere with understanding		4	<ul> <li>demonstrates a weak command of standard English conventions; errors interfere with understanding</li> </ul>	3
	• skillfully employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose	6	<ul> <li>employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose</li> </ul>	5	• inconsistently employs language and tone appropriate to audience and purpose		4	<ul> <li>employs language and tone that are inappropriate to audience and purpose</li> </ul>	3
	has sentences that are skillfully constructed with appropriate variety in length and structure.	6	has sentences that are generally complete with sufficient variety in length and structure	5		sentence formation <b>errors</b> <b>k</b> of sentence variety	4	has frequent and severe sentence formation errors and/or a lack of sentence variety	3

sentence variety

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Informative Writing Rubric

length and structure

W.4.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

- 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.
- b Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.

and structure

- c Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).
- 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.
- W.4.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- W.4.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.
- W.4.8 Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; take notes and categorize information, and provide a list of sources.
- W.4.9b Apply grade 4 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., "Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text").
- L.4.1 Parts of speech (collective nouns, reflexive pronouns, irregular verbs, comparative & superlative/adjectives, adverbs), simple, compound, complex sentences
- L.4.2 Capitalization (titles), commas in addresses & dialogue, quotation marks, possessives, conventional and phonetic spelling, use of reference materials for spelling