

INFORMATIVE ESSAY ESSENTIAL STANDARDS

Main Idea: The essay contains a statement in the first paragraph that answers the driving question and is appropriate to the essay's purpose.

Supporting Ideas: Each body paragraph contains a statement that addresses a specific part of the driving question.

Emerging
Proficiency - 60%

Explanation: Each supporting idea is explained clearly and in the author's own words.

Evidence: Each supporting idea is developed with clear evidence that is explained with sufficient detail.

Proficiency - 70%

Structure: The elements of the essay are arranged clearly.

Transitions: Sentence and paragraphs clearly transition into each other through connecting words and ideas.

Level 1 Conventions: The essay follows basic conventions including (but not limited to) proper capitalization, complete sentences, correct spelling, and appropriate use of punctuation, including commas.

Emerging Mastery
- 85%

Level 2 Conventions: The essay follows the conventions of a formal style (e.g. APA, MLA), avoids passive voice, and uses semi-colons and parallel structure appropriately.

Syntax: The essay uses a variety of sentence structures effectively.

Diction: The essay uses words effectively for their connotation, denotation, and effect on the audience.

Mastery - 100%