

Informative/Explanatory Writing Rubric Kindergarten

Score of 4 – Above Grade Level	Score of 3 – On Grade Level	Score of 2 – Approaching Grade Level	Score of 1 – Below Grade Level	
The writing – • names the topic (1W2) • provides some sense of closure (1W2)	The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – • identifies the topic (KW2)	The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – • attempts to identify the topic	 The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – makes little or no attempt to identify the topic 	Organization/ Purpose 2 × =
 The writing – supplies some facts about the topic (1W2) uses information from experiences or provided sources, with guidance and support from adults (1W8) 	 The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – supplies some information about the topic (KW2) uses information from experiences or provided sources, with guidance and support from adults (KW8) 	 The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing attempts to supply some information about the topic attempts to use information from experiences or provided sources, with guidance and support from adults 	 The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – makes little or no attempt to supply some information about the topic makes little or no attempt to use information from experiences or provided sources, with guidance and support from adults 	Evidence/ Elaboration 2 × =
 The writing – demonstrates a command of grade-level appropriate standard English grammar, usage, and conventions (1L1-2)* has errors that do not interfere with understanding (1L1-2)* 	 The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – demonstrates a command of grade-level appropriate standard English grammar and usage (KL1-2)* has errors that do not interfere with understanding (KL1-2)* 	 The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – attempts to demonstrate a command of grade-level appropriate standard English grammar and usage has errors that may interfere with understanding 	 The combination of drawing, dictating, and writing – makes little or no attempt to demonstrate a command of grade-level appropriate standard English grammar and usage has errors that do interfere with understanding 	Language/ Conventions 1 × =

Non-scorable responses: insufficient information and/or blank paper, copied text, in language other than English, off topic, off purpose

*Conventions Chart p. 2



CONVENTIONS GRADE K

Spelling	Capitalization	Punctuation	Grammar Usage	Sentence Completion
 Print many upper and lower case letters (KL1a) Write a letter or letters for most consonant and short-vowel sounds (KL2c) Spell simple words phonetically, drawing on knowledge of sound-letter relationships (KL2d) 	 Capitalize First word in sentence (KL2a) The pronoun I (KL2a) 	 Recognize and name end punctuation (KL2b) 	Nouns: • Use frequently occurring nouns (KL1b) Verbs: • Use frequently occurring verbs (KL1b)	Produce and expand complete sentences in shared language activities (KL1f)