

# Informative/Explanatory Writing Rubric

Score	Focus	Organization	Development	Language and Vocabulary	Conventions
4	All questions and answers focus on a planet or other element of the solar system.	Question-and-answer format is consistent throughout the writing. Sense of closure is clear.	Questions and answers use many facts and details from the texts.	Questions and answers use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary.	Command of capitalization and sentence punctuation is strongly demonstrated.
3	Most questions and answers focus on a planet or other element of the solar system.	Question-and-answer format is mostly consistent throughout the writing. Sense of closure is somewhat clear.	Questions and answers use some facts and details from the texts.	Questions and answers use some domain-specific vocabulary.	Command of capitalization and sentence punctuation is sufficiently demonstrated.
2	Few questions and answers are focused on a planet or other element of the solar system.	Question-and-answer format is inconsistent throughout the writing. Sense of closure is vague.	Questions and answers use few facts or details from the texts.	Questions and answers use limited domain-specific vocabulary.	Command of capitalization and sentence punctuation is uneven.
1	Questions and answers are not focused on a planet or other element of the solar system.	Question-and-answer format is nonexistent. Sense of closure is unclear or missing.	Questions and answers use one or no facts and details from the texts.	Questions and answers lack domain-specific vocabulary making writing vague, unclear, or confusing.	There is very little command of capitalization and sentence punctuation.
0	Possible characteristics that would warrant a 0: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No response is given.</li> <li>Response is unintelligible, illegible, or off topic.</li> </ul>				