Expository Book Grading Requirements

Each of the following criteria will be worth 10 points:

1. **Book Organization**--A table of contents lists the name and correct page number for the introduction, chapters, glossary, bibliography, and any additional text features. Book pages are numbered and follow the order described in the table of contents.

2. **Introduction**--The introductory page contains an original attention grabber (see "Introduction Examples" handout on Google drive) and a complete overview of the book (give clues about the topic of each chapter).

3. **Chapter Organization and Detail**--The book contains at least four chapters. All four chapters contain at least one main paragraph with a clear topic sentence and at least four supporting details. A clincher sentence is included at the end of every chapter. Paragraphs contain exceptional detail and use of language to convey the information to the reader. The information contained in each chapter is accurate and supported by research.

4. **Transitions/Sentence Flow**--At least four transitional words and phrases are used to enhance the flow of sentences and paragraphs (see "Transitional Words and Phrases" handout). Sentences are well-crafted and flow smoothly from one idea to the next.

5. **Formal Style**--The author maintains a formal style to explain the topic, avoiding conversational language or talking to the reader (ex/ Next I'm going to tell you about…).

6. **Vocabulary**--The book contains at least seven *challenging* and *content-specific* vocabulary words. Words are written in bold-face type throughout the text and defined in a glossary (using dictionary definitions) at the end of the book. Glossary is alphabetized.

7. **Text Features**--Each chapter contains at least two expository text features, and at least four different types of text features are used within the book as a whole. (Choices include photos, diagrams, text boxes, charts, graphs, maps, and QR codes for video links). Captions for photos, maps, etc. do NOT count as separate text features.

8. **Bibliography**--The bibliography contains correctly formatted citation information for at least three outside sources. Citations should be alphabetized, double-spaced, and reverse indented.

9. **Conventions**--The book contains correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.

10. **Publication**--The published book is neat and detailed. The cover includes an appropriate title, detailed illustration, and author's first and last name.