District 6 Grade 7 Middle Informative Writing Rubric

Name:_____ Date:_____

Criteria	*Grade 7*	*Points*
ORGANIZATION		
Informative Structure	Writes informative texts to examine a topic and analyze information from one or more sources while developing the topic with relevant facts, definitions, details, quotes, and/or other information and examples.	_____/ 30
Introduction	Introduce a topic clearly and organize information logically using structures such as definition, cause and effect, and/or compare and contrast.	_____/ 5
Transitions	Use appropriate transitions to clarify relationships among ideas and concepts.	_____/ 5
Conclusion	Provide a concluding statement or section.	_____/ 5
INFORMATIVE WRITING CRAFT		
Sources	Gather and organize information, facts, and/or data from credible sources.	_____/10
Citing Text Evidence	Paraphrase to **cite** facts, figures, ideas, and use direct quotes, giving credit to the author and avoiding plagiarism by **citing** the title, author, and publication year.	_____/ 10
Precise Vocabulary	Use precise language and vocabulary to inform or explain the topic.	_____/ 10
REVISING AND EDITING		
Revising and Editing	Improve writing by planning, revising, editing, and building on personal ideas and the ideas of others to strengthen writing.	_____/ 15
GRAMMAR AND CONVENTIONS		
Grammar	Write grammatically correct sentences with varied sentence structures (e.g., simple, compound, and complex) and paragraphs. (Include only the grammar and convention standards that have been taught.) ● apply rules for capitalization ● use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives ● use hyphenated compound words ● uses phrases and clauses while recognizing and correcting misplaced and dangling modifiers ● revise to avoid sentence fragments, run-on sentences, pronoun-antecedent agreement, and inappropriate shifts in verb tense ● consults print and multimedia sources to check and correct spelling ● use resources to edit writing and create a final draft .	____ / 10
Comments: **Areas of Strength:**		Total ___/100

Areas that Need Improvement:	

Aligned with Grades 7 South Carolina Department of Education Writing Standards