

**Informative-Explanatory Essay
Student-Friendly Writing Rubric (Grades 3-5)**

Statement of Purpose/Focus and Organization	Evidence and Elaboration	Conventions/Editing
<p>The response is focused and complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main idea is clearly stated and focused throughout • main idea is communicated clearly and responds to the prompt <p>The response is clearly organized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses linking words and phrases to connect ideas • ideas are organized from beginning to end • includes an introduction and a conclusion 	<p>The response provides support for the main idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses evidence from sources • evidence is smoothly connected to the topic • elaborates on evidence <p>The response clearly expresses ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses academic vocabulary including meaningful words from the text 	<p>The response displays understanding of conventions of writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses complete and correct sentences • uses correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling

Opinion Essay
Student-Friendly Writing Rubric (Grades 3-5)

Statement of Purpose/Focus and Organization	Evidence and Elaboration	Conventions/Editing
<p>The response is focused and complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opinion is clearly stated and focused throughout • opinion is communicated clearly and responds to the prompt <p>The response is clearly organized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses linking words and phrases to connect ideas • ideas are organized from beginning to end • includes an introduction and a conclusion 	<p>The response provides support for the opinion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses evidence from sources • evidence is smoothly connected to the opinion • elaborates on evidence <p>The response clearly expresses ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses academic vocabulary including meaningful words from the text 	<p>The response displays understanding of conventions of writing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uses complete and correct sentences • uses correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling