

## Grade 7 Collection 4 Informative Essay Rubric

Name:

**DUE DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 (-10% for each school day it is late)**

**Prompt: Write an essay that discusses why scientific knowledge changes over time, and what impact these changes have on society. Include text evidence to support your ideas.**

Points	Development of Ideas	Organization	Clarity of Language	Language and Conventions
4	The response addresses the prompt and shows effective and comprehensive development of the <b>thesis statement</b> using text based evidence, clear and convincing reasoning, and/or description.	The response demonstrates coherence and clarity and a logical organization that includes an introduction and conclusion and a logical progression of ideas.	The response establishes and maintains an effective style, including precise language, descriptive words and phrases, transitional words and phrases, and domain-specific vocabulary.	The response demonstrates a command of formal, standard English conventions consistent with effectively edited writing.  Works Cited Page and Internal Citations are always formatted correctly.
3	The response addresses the prompt and shows effective development of the <b>thesis statement</b> using text based evidence, reasoning, and/or description.	The response demonstrates some logical organization and includes an introduction and conclusion.	Some descriptive words, as well as some linking words and phrases, are used to express ideas with clarity.	The response demonstrates a command of formal, standard English conventions, although there may be some minor errors in grammar and usage.  Works Cited Page and Internal Citations are mostly formatted correctly.
2	The response addresses the prompt and shows some development of the <b>topic</b> but fails to use text-based evidence, reasoning, and/or description.	The response demonstrates little logical organization and includes either an introduction or a conclusion.	Few descriptive words, as well as a few linking words and phrases, are used and ideas are not expressed as clearly as possible.	The response demonstrates a command of standard English conventions, although there are major errors in grammar and usage.  Works Cited Page and Internal Citations are included but not formatted correctly or are inconsistent.
1	The response does not directly address the prompt, shows no development of the <b>topic</b> , and fails to use text-based evidence, reasoning, and/or description.	The response demonstrates little logical organization and fails to include either an introduction or a conclusion.	No descriptive words or linking words and phrases are used and ideas are not expressed with clarity.	Errors in grammar and usage create confusion of meaning.  Works Cited Page has numerous errors.  Internal Citations are very inconsistent.
0	No evidence of the ability to write an informative essay			

## Informative Essay Requirements

- **600-800 words** (including the Words Cited Page)
- **MLA FORMAT (Times New Roman, 12pt, double-spaced)**
- **Works Cited Page** with at least 3 sources
- At least **3 internal citations (also called in-text citations)** always cited properly for all **evidence**.
- **Introduction**
- **Thesis statement: A thesis statement clearly identifies the topic in an engaging way.**
- **3 Reasons** to support your thesis (Exactly 3 reasons please!)
- **3 examples of supporting evidence.**
  - You should cite evidence at least 3 times. Each reason needs to be supported by at least one kind of evidence. Some reasons will be supported by more than one kind of evidence. You may cite evidence more than 3 times if you wish. You may use any of the following types of evidence: anecdotes, facts, examples, statistics or quotations.
  - All **evidence** should be followed by an internal citation to show where you got the information.
- **Transition** from one logical point to another using words and phrases such as *because, despite, therefore, and as a result of*.
- Uses **domain-specific vocabulary**
- Establish and maintain a **formal style** (no slang or casual language)
- Provide a **conclusion** that follows from and supports the information presented.

### Outline for Informative Essay

First and Last Name

Teacher's Name

English 7

Day Month Year

Title

Paragraph #1:

Introduction

Thesis

Paragraph #2:

Reason #1 & Evidence

*(transition)*

Paragraph #3:

Reason #2 & Evidence

*(transition)*

Paragraph #4:

Reason #3 & Evidence

*(transition)*

Paragraph #5:

Conclusion

Words Cited Page with at least 3 sources

- **Note: If you are ever unsure about how to cite evidence, create a Works Cited Page, or use internal citations, refer back to the following Interactive Lessons on my.hrw.com, found under "Using Textual Evidence"**
  - *"Introduction", "Summarizing, Paraphrasing, Quoting", "Attribution"*

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