

11th & 12th Grade Informative Essay Rubric

	1 Below-level	2 Slightly below-level	3 At-level	4 Exceeds-level
Exposition:	The text presents minimal ideas, concepts or information. Facts and examples may be irrelevant.	The topic may remain somewhat unclear, but there is an attempt to develop and explain the topic.	The text has a clear, focused topic and provides relevant facts and ideas to support the explanation.	The text focuses on a compelling topic that engages the reader with relevant concepts, ideas and information. The text provides sophisticated reflection on the topic.
Organization :	The text provides limited examples, facts and details related to the topic.	The text provides sufficient examples, facts and details related to the topic but does not reflect on the significance of these facts to the topic.	The text provides effective and concrete examples, facts and details and reflects on their significance to the topic.	The text provides significant examples, facts and details that completely develop and explain the topic. The text reflects with insight on the relationships among these ideas.
Style and Conventions:	The writing lacks clarity due to frequency of mistakes using conventions and stylistic devices. This impairs the reader's ability to connect the topic with the examples and facts provided.	Though there are mistakes in the use conventions or stylistic devices such as transitions, the reader can still follow the text's reasoning.	There are infrequent mistakes in basic conventions and stylistic devices including organization and transitions.	The text is absolutely clear and coherent due to the writer's skillful use of both proper conventions and strategic stylistic devices including organization and transitions. The text clarifies relationships among complex ideas.
Conclusion:	The text fails to offer a concluding statement, or the conclusion does not link with previous information.	The conclusion simply summarizes or repeats information presented.	The conclusion is linked to and directly supports the information provided.	There is a sophisticated conclusion that provides further relevant insight to the significance of the topic.

