

**4th Grade Expository/Informational Writing Rubric**

	<b>Student:</b>				<b>Topic: Arkansas Tax Usage</b>		
	<b>Organization</b>				<b>Grammar</b>		
	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Body Paragraphs</b>	<b>Transition Phrases</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	<b>Sentence Fluency</b>	<b>Capitalization</b>	<b>Punctuation</b>
<b>4 Advanced</b>	Introduction clearly states the topic and has a hook	The body is clearly organized with paragraphs. Each paragraph states a specific main idea about the topic and gives lots of elaborative details that are directly related to that main idea.	Consistently uses effective transitions	Very convincing conclusion which restates the topic and provides more facts	Consistently writes simple and compound sentences using a variety of sentence beginnings. Uses precise language and domain specific words.	Capitalization is precise	Punctuation is precise
<b>3 Proficient</b>	Introduction states the topic clearly with a fact or a hook	The body is clearly organized with paragraphs. Each paragraph states a specific main idea about the topic and gives lots of elaborative details that are directly related to that main idea.	Usually uses effective transitions	Convincing conclusion which restates the topic and some facts	Writes simple sentences correctly and attempts compound sentences. Uses some variety in sentence beginnings.	A few errors in capitalization	A few errors in punctuation
<b>2 Developing</b>	Introduction states the topic but does not have a hook	The body is somewhat organized, but lacks the 3 topics and details . Or ALL 3 reasons are in 1 paragraph	Sometimes uses effective transitions	Somewhat convincing conclusion which restates the topic	Few complete simple sentences. Does not attempt compound sentences or sentence variety	Has regular errors in capitalization	Has regular errors in punctuation
<b>1 Beginning</b>	Introduction doesn't state the topic	The opinion is disorganized. NO clear distinction between paragraphs and topics are not stated	Does not use effective transitions	No clear conclusion. Does not restate the topic or any facts	Most sentences are incomplete.Does not attempt compound sentences or sentence variety	Errors in capitalization are common in this piece	Errors in punctuation are common in this piece