

ELACC3W2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

- a. Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b. Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.
- c. Use linking words and phrases (e.g., also, another, and, more, but) to connect ideas within categories of information
- d. Provide a concluding statement or section.

Informative Writing

Penguins live in Antarctica. Write a short report about how penguins are well suited to live there. Remember to include features of their body, behaviors that they have, and describe the habitat. Use the vocabulary words in your writing. Add a picture with labeling if it will help the reader understand your message.

Grading Rubric

	Does not meet the standard requirement 0 points each	Meets the standard requirement 13 points each	Exceeds the standard requirement 16.7 points each
Clear topic is given	Topic is not stated or is unclear	Topic is stated with little attention to style	Topic is clear and word selection adds to the reader's interest
All details are relevant to the topic	Several details are irrelevant and/or detract from the message	All details are relevant to the topic	All details are relevant and their specific selection adds to the flair of the writing
Develops a topic with facts, definitions and details	Few or no facts, definitions or details are given to support the topic	Multiple facts, definitions and details are given to support the topic	Facts, definitions and details are logically thought out and explained to support the topic
Uses linking words and phrases	Linking words are not used, or word choice does not make sense for the situation	Linking word choice logically connects the stated ideas	Linking word choice logically connects the stated ideas with added flair for interest
Provides a concluding statement or section	No conclusion is given or conclusion is unclear	A basic concluding statement is given.	A clever concluding statement wraps up the writing.
Grammar and Syntax	Grammar and syntax is in serious need of revision because they detract from the message	Attention is given to grammar and syntax with few errors that do not detract from the message	Attention is given to grammar and syntax with no errors appearing in the writing