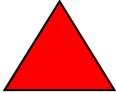


<p>Content Informative/Explanatory</p>	<p>Craft each piece with a sense of purpose in mind, examining a topic then conveying information and ideas for <i>informative or explanatory text</i>.</p>		
<p><i>Beginner</i> </p>	<p><i>Intermediate</i> </p>	<p><i>Advanced</i> </p>	<p><i>Expert</i> </p>
<p>Beginning writers do little research on a topic, using little relevant data from few print and/or digital sources. They rarely reflect, infer, or draw conclusions. They take limited notes with some copying (or it sounds like copying) and quotes are missing or incorrectly copied and cited. They demonstrate limited understanding of the topic and the researched texts; they have many inaccuracies.</p> <p>They do not organize their ideas and information into sections or paragraphs or do not include all parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no introduction • a disorganized or undeveloped body with disorganized paragraphs/few linking words or phrases • no conclusion <p>They do not use a formal style or follow MLA format. They do not add multimedia or illustrations.</p>	<p>Intermediate writers research a topic by using mostly relevant data from some print and digital sources. They reflect, infer, and draw conclusions. They take notes with some copying (or it may sound like copying) and somewhat correctly copied and cited some texts. They demonstrate some understanding of the topic and the researched texts; they have some inaccuracies.</p> <p>They organize ideas and information into paragraphs that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an introductory statement • a body that groups related information into sections and/or paragraphs, with some linking words/phrases • a concluding statement <p>They use a formal style and follow MLA format with errors. They begin to add multimedia or illustrations.</p>	<p>Advanced writers research a topic by assessing relevant data from many credible print and digital sources. They analyze, reflect, and draw conclusions. They take notes without plagiarizing and, for the most part, accurately quote and cite several texts. They demonstrate a thoughtful/well-developed understanding of the topic and texts; they have few inaccuracies.</p> <p>They organize ideas and information into logical paragraphs that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an introductory paragraph • a body that groups related information into organized sections and/or paragraphs, with appropriate transitions • a concluding paragraph <p>They use a formal style and follow MLA format with few errors. They make good use of multimedia and illustrations.</p>	<p>Expert writers research a topic by assessing relevant data from multiple sources for credibility and accuracy. They analyze, reflect, ask questions, draw conclusions. They take notes without plagiarizing. They accurately quote and cite multiple texts! They demonstrate a strong, in-depth understanding of the topic and the researched texts with insight into the issues. Their information is accurate. They organize ideas and information into purposeful, coherent paragraphs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an introduction with a clear thesis • a logically organized body grouped into sections and paragraphs with varied and well-chosen transitions • an insightful conclusion <p>They use a formal style and follow MLA format virtually error-free. They make excellent use of multimedia and illustrations.</p>