

FSPS Informational Writing Criteria - Grade 1

Writing to Inform

Writing Criteria: C

Key Skills and Understanding

CC.W.1.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Informational/Explanatory - Inform: Writing to inform uses facts to explain a topic.

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Ideas/Research

Bases writing on research and prior knowledge

Includes facts and details from research

Gathers and incorporates information from multiple sources

Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that tells what the piece is about

Provides a table of contents

Presents categories of information with headings

Includes labeled illustrations that support the text

Includes a sense of closure

Language Style

Puts information in his or her own words

Uses linking words to join ideas (and)

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 9), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Mentor Text

Mentor Text:

1. <http://www.readandwritewithrebecca.com/Mentor-Texts.html>
2. <http://www.lausd.net/Cornona EL/Mentor Tex.html>
3. <http://www.epcae.org/uploads/documents/InfoKinder.pdf>

Student Exemplars

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1. http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_C.pdf
2. <http://www.nancyfetzer.com/pdf/writing/AtaGlance7-12.pdf>

Lesson Resources

Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://readwriteblossom.blogspot.com/2011/12/using-informational-mentor-texts-to.html>
2. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
3. <http://lessonplanspage.com/lawritingpersonalnarrativeswithconceptmaps49-htm/>

Rubrics:

1. http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/English_Language_Arts/writing_rubrics.shtml

Graphic Organizers:

1. <http://www.teachervision.fen.com/graphic-organizers/printable/6293.html>

Professional Text:

1. Houston, G. (2004). *How Writing Works*. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.
2. Owocki, G. (2013). *The Common Core Writing Book*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann
3. Stead, T. & Hoyt, Linda. (2011). *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann