

FSPS Informational Writing Criteria - Grade 3

Writing to Inform

Writing Criteria: C

Key Skills and Understanding

CC.W.3.2 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

Reflects research and planning

Develops the topic with facts, definitions, and details from research

Gathers and incorporates information from multiple sources

Lists/cites sources

Organization/Text Features

Includes a title that tells what the piece is about

Includes a strong lead

Presents well-organized factual information

Supports main ideas with strong details

Includes a strong concluding statement or section

Includes illustrations and supporting visuals

Language Style

Puts information in his or her own words

Uses linking words to add information and connect ideas (e.g., also, another, and, more, but)

Uses precise nouns and powerful verbs

Creates a variety of sentences

Note. Adapted from *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing: Grade K* (p. 4), by T. Stead and L. Hoyt, 2011, Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Mentor Text

Mentor Text:

1. http://www.lausd.net/Corona_EL/Mentor_Text.html

Student Exemplars

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1. http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_C.pdf

Lesson Resources

Lesson Plans & Resources:

1. <http://www.d11.org/Instruction/Literacy.LanguageArts/Pages/k-5-Writing-Resources.aspx>
2. http://www.eastnoble.net/files/efBQD/c96212263d8de3063745a49013852ec4/All_About_Books_Grades_K-2-whole_study.pdf
3. <http://blog.wsd.net/ebonnemort/files/2012/02/Writing-workshop-Nonfiction-animal-reports-common-core.pdf>
4. http://www.palmbeachschools.org/assessment/palm_beach_writes/preformance_assessment_dfa_grade_2.pdf

Rubrics:

1. http://www.doe.k12.de.us/aab/English_Language_Arts/writing_rubrics.shtml
2. http://www.exeter.k12.pa.us/cms/lib6/PA01000700/Centricity/Domain/37/gr_level_files/grade2/Informational%20Writing%20Rubric%202nd%20grade.pdf

Graphic Organizers:

1. http://www.exeter.k12.pa.us/cms/lib6/PA01000700/Centricity/Domain/37/gr_level_files/grade2/Informational%20Writing%20Rubric%202nd%20grade.pdf

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