

ILEARN Grades 6-8 Explanatory	MY Access! Informative/Expository
Evidence/Elaboration	Content Development/Elaboration/Language Use, Voice, and Style
<ul> <li>-comprehensive evidence (facts and details) from the source material is integrated, relevant, and specific</li> <li>-clear citations or attribution of source material</li> <li>-effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques</li> <li>- vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> <li>- effective, appropriate style enhances content</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>-develops ideas by adeptly integrating specific details and/or citing credible, source-based evidence to support the thesis/controlling idea</li> <li>-uses a variety of elaborative techniques</li> <li>-demonstrates a very effective style and tone, precise control of language, domain-specific word choice, and an exceptional awareness of audience</li> <li>- uses well-structured and varied sentences</li> </ul>
Organization/Purpose	Focus and Purpose/Organization
<ul> <li>-thesis/controlling idea of a topic is clearly communicated, and the focus is strongly maintained for the purpose and audience</li> <li>- consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas</li> <li>- effective introduction and conclusion</li> <li>- logical progression of ideas from beginning to end; strong connections between and among ideas with some syntactic variety</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>-demonstrates a thorough and insightful understanding of the task, purpose, and audience</li> <li>-establishes and maintains a clearly focused thesis/controlling idea throughout the response</li> <li>-completes all parts of the task and may go beyond the limits of the task.</li> <li>-demonstrates a cohesive and unified structure that clarifies relationships among ideas and concepts</li> <li>-contains an engaging introduction and an insightful conclusion</li> <li>-uses effective and skillful paragraphing and transitional strategies throughout.</li> </ul>
Conventions -adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling	Mechanics and Conventions -contains few or no errors in grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and spelling