

GA Milestones and MY Access!® Rubric Alignment
Informative/Expository Grades 3-5

GA Milestones- Informative/ Explanatory	MY Access! Informative/Expository
<p>Idea Development/Organization/Coherence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively introduces a topic • Groups related ideas together logically to give some organization to the writing • Effectively uses linking words and phrases to connect ideas within categories of information. • Effectively develops the topic with multiple facts, definitions, and details,* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic (4,5) • Provides a strong concluding statement or section. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ related to the information or explanation presented (4,5) • Uses precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to explain the topic (4,5) <p>Language Usage and Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has clear and complete sentence structure, with appropriate range and variety • Shows knowledge of language and its conventions when writing • Any errors in usage and conventions do not interfere with meaning 	<p>Organization/Focus and Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a thorough and insightful understanding of the task, purpose, and audience. • Demonstrates a cohesive and unified structure that clarifies relationships among ideas and concepts. • Contains an engaging introduction and an insightful conclusion. • Uses effective and skillful paragraphing and transitional strategies throughout. • Establishes and maintains a clearly focused thesis/controlling idea throughout the response. • Completes all parts of the task and may go beyond the limits of the task. <p>Content Development/Elaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops ideas by adeptly integrating specific details and/or citing credible, source-based evidence to support the thesis/controlling idea. • Uses a variety of elaborative techniques. <p>Language Use, Voice and Style/Mechanics and Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a very effective style and tone, precise control of language, domain-specific word choice, and an exceptional awareness of audience. • Uses well-structured and varied sentences. • Contains few or no errors in grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and spelling.