

Mississippi and MY Access!® Rubric Alignment Informative

Mississippi Academic Assessment Program/MAAP	MY Access! Informative
Development of Ideas	Focus and Purpose/Content Development/Elaboration
 The writing is clear, consistently focused, and shows a complete understanding of the given task. Ideas are fully developed by using logical and convincing reasoning, well-chosen evidence from the text, and details that are specific, relevant, and accurate based upon the text. 	 Establishes and maintains a clearly focused thesis/controlling idea throughout the response. 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.
Writing Organization	Organization
 The writing demonstrates evidence of planning and a purposeful, logical progression of ideas that allows the reader to easily follow the writer's ideas. Words, clauses, and transitions are used frequently and effectively to clarify the relationships among claims, reasons, details, and/or evidence. The writing contains an effective introduction and conclusion that contribute to cohesiveness and clarity of the response. 	 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.
Language Conventions of Grammar and Usage	Mechanics and Conventions
 The writing establishes and maintains tone appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. Word choice is precise, effective, and purposeful. Sentences are fluent and varied in length and structure. The writing may contain a few minor errors in grammar and usage, but they do not interfere with meaning. 	 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.