

**Missouri and MY Access!® Rubric Alignment
Informative/Explanatory, Grades 3-8**

Missouri (MAP) Informative/Explanatory	MY Access!
<p>Organization and Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Controlling idea of a topic is clearly communicated, and the focus is strongly maintained for the purpose and audience. -Consistent use of a variety of transitional strategies to clarify the relationships between and among ideas. -Effective introduction and conclusion. -Logical progression of ideas from beginning to end; strong connections between and among ideas with some syntactic variety. 	<p>Focus and Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Demonstrates a thorough and insightful understanding of the task, purpose, and audience. -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>Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contains an engaging introduction and an insightful conclusion. -Demonstrates a cohesive and unified structure that clarifies relationships among ideas and concepts. -Uses effective and skillful paragraphing and transitional strategies throughout.
<p>Evidence/Elaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Comprehensive facts and details from source materials is integrated, relevant, and specific. -Effective use of a variety of elaborative techniques. -Vocabulary is clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose. -Effective, appropriate style enhances content. 	<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>Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Adequate use of correct sentence formation, punctuation, capitalization, grammar usage, and spelling. 	<p>Language Use, Voice</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. <p>Mechanics and Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Contains few or no errors in grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and spelling.