

Student-Friendly Ideas Rubric

(Expository)

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- I have a main point and purpose.
- I know this topic well.
- You will learn lots by reading this.
- I thought about and answered my readers' questions.
- I have plenty of support and details.

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- Overall, I am pretty clear.
- I'm zeroing in on my main idea, but I may need more information.
- You will learn one or two things by reading.
- Maybe I didn't answer every question a reader would have—but you can probably figure out why I included what I did.
- I included some support and details. I could use more, though...

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- This paper won't teach you much—yet.
- What's my topic?
- What should this be about?
- I am sure readers will be left with questions.
- I definitely need WAY more information—but that's tough when you aren't sure what your main topic or point is.

These analytic rubrics were designed to be used with seventh and eighth grade students practicing for their upcoming state writing tests. The practice prompts we use with these rubrics can be found online at: http://writingfix.com/classroom_tools/nevada_writing_exam.htm#expos