

Michigan Educational Assessment Program
Analytic Rubric
Informational Writing
Grades 4 and 7
DRAFT

	0	1	2	3
Ideas (points doubled)	Ideas are unfocused and undeveloped.	Ideas are minimally focused on the task with limited details and examples.	Ideas are somewhat focused on the task and are developed with some details and examples.	Ideas are clearly focused on the task, and are thoroughly developed with relevant details and examples.
Organization	No organization evident.	Organization and connections between ideas are weak	Organization and connections between ideas are logical and appropriate for the context.	Organization and connections between ideas are clear, logical and appropriate for the context.
Style	Ineffective use of language for the writer's purpose and audience.	Limited use of language, including lack of variety in word choice and sentences, hinders the effectiveness of the author's purpose and audience.	Command of language, including accurate word choice and clear sentences is effective for the author's purpose and audience.	Command of language, including compelling word choice and varied sentence structure, is highly effective for the author's purpose and audience.
Conventions	Conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are not used.	Conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level are rarely used.	Conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level are usually used.	Conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level are consistently used.

An overall score of zero (earning a zero on all four traits) will result in one of the following condition codes:

- A Off-topic
- B Illegible or written in a language other than English
- C Blank
- D Insufficient to rate

* Standard English is the form of English most widely accepted as being clear and proper.