

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

	0	1	2	3
Ideas (points doubled)	Ideas are not focused on the task and/or are 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, may hinder the effectiveness of the writer's purpose and audience.	Adequate command of language, including accurate word choice and clear sentences, is effective for the writer's purpose and audience.	Command of language, including compelling word choice and varied sentence structure, is highly effective for the writer's purpose and audience.
Conventions	Ineffective use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.	Limited use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level.	Adequate use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level.	Consistent, appropriate use of conventions of Standard English* for grammar, usage, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation for the grade level.

Any condition code will result in a score of 0 for all traits:

- A Off-topic/Off-task
- 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.

** Students cannot earn the highest score in Ideas if they write in a different genre (i.e., narrative instead of informational).