Reviewing student writing

Exposition Text Type

Student name:			Class:	Date:
	Elementary	Developing	Proficient	Advanced
	My writing is below the expected level.	My writing is close to the expected level.	My writing meets the expected level.	My writing is above the expected level.
Opening Statement and Point of View	I don't explain what the topic is, and I don't give my point of view of it.	My writing explains the topic, but my point of view is not obvious— I don't give my reader a clear idea of what I think.	My writing begins by explaining the topic, and I clearly state my point of view.	My writing begins by explaining the topic, and I clearly and strongly state my point of view. It makes my reader want to agree with me!
Content	I don't write any real arguments with evidence.	I give some supporting arguments for my point of view. I have some evidence, but my overall argument is not very clear or persuasive.	I give supporting arguments for my point of view and back them up with evidence.	I give several, strong supporting arguments for my point of view, and back them up with evidence. I show a good understanding of the topic.
Structure and Cohesion	My arguments are jumbled.	My arguments are somewhat organised but not always in a logical way.	I put my arguments in a logical order.	I put my arguments in a logical order that builds into a very strong argument.
Language Features	My words are not very persuasive, and I don't use evaluative words to show my opinion.	I use some persuasive and evaluative words and connect my ideas with time words. I use some common relating, thinking and action verbs.	I use persuasive and evaluative words (eg important, ugly, beautiful) and connect my ideas with time words. I use relating, thinking and action verbs. I also include reported speech at times.	I use persuasive and evaluative words and connect my ideas with time words. As well as using reported speech, I use my own words to express what I have heard or read.
Conclusion	I haven't written a conclusion.	My exposition has a conclusion, but it only partly sums up my point of view.	My conclusion ties my exposition together.	My forceful and moving conclusion ties my exposition together. It helps to build a strong argument, and I suggest further action on the topic.
Grammar and Spelling	I spell a few words correctly and use correct grammar sometimes.	I spell many words correctly and use correct grammar often.	I use correct spelling and grammar most of the time.	I use correct spelling and grammar.
Punctuation	I rarely use correct punctuation.	I use some correct punctuation.	I use correct punctuation most of the time.	I use correct punctuation.
Handwriting	My handwriting is difficult to read.	My handwriting is fairly easy to read.	My handwriting is neat and easy to read.	My handwriting is neat, attractive and easy to read.