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| **6th Grade Writing Rubric** | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Teacher Name:** | | | | | |  | | | | | |
| **Writing Skill** | **Almost Never**  **1** | | | **Rarely**  **2** | | **Occasionally**  **3** | | **Frequently**  **4** | | **Almost Always**  **5** | |
| **Text Types and Purposes** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. **(W.6.1.)(DOK 3,4)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * 1. Introduce claim(s) and organize the reasons and evidence clearly. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Support claim(s) with clear reasons and relevant evidence, using credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Use words, phrases, and clauses to clarify the relationships among claim(s) and reasons. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Establish and maintain a formal style. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the argument presented. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. **(W.6.2.) (DOK 3,4)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Introduce a topic; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Use** precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to **inform** about or **explain** the topic. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Establish and maintain a formal style. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Provide** a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Write** narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences. **(W.6.3.) (DOK3,4)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Engage and orient the reader by establishing a context and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally and logically. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, and description, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Use a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to convey sequence and signal shifts from one time frame or setting to another. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Use precise words and phrases, relevant descriptive details, and sensory language to convey experiences and events. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Production and Distribution of Writing** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (Grade-specific expectations for writing types are defined in standards 1–3 above.) **(W.6.4.) (DOK 3,4)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (Editing for conventions should demonstrate command of Language standards 1–3 up to and including grade 6.) **(W.6.5.) (DOK 1,2,3,4)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of three pages in a single sitting. **(W.5.6.) (DOK 1,2)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Research to Build and Present Knowledge** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and refocusing the inquiry when appropriate. **(W.6.7.)(DOK 3,4)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources; assess the credibility of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and providing basic bibliographic information for sources. **(W.6.8.) (DOK 1,2,3,4)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Draw** evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. **(W.6.9.) (DOK 2,3,4)** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Apply *grade 6 Reading standards* to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast texts in different forms or genres [e.g., stories and poems; historical novels and fantasy stories] in terms of their approaches to similar themes and topics"). | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Apply *grade 6 Reading standards* to literary nonfiction (e.g., "Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not"). | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Range of Writing** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. **Write** routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences. **(W.6.10.)(DOK 1,2,3,4)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**\*Rating Descriptors Operationally Defined:**

**Almost Never** – grade level standard/skill is demonstrated/observed very little or not at all (with appropriate accommodations) with no generalization of skill across days and novel tasks.

**Rarely** – grade level standard/skill is demonstrated/observed infrequently (with appropriate accommodations) with little or no generalization of skill across days and novel tasks; teacher prompting does not always result in demonstration of skill.

**Occasionally** – grade level standard/skill is demonstrated/observed periodically (with appropriate accommodations) with inconsistent generalization across days and novel tasks; teacher prompting is often necessary for skill to be generalized.

**Frequently** – grade level standard/skill is demonstrated/observed often (with appropriate accommodations) with consistent generalization of skill across days and novel tasks; occasional teacher prompting is necessary for skill to be generalized.

**Almost Always** – grade level standard/skill is demonstrated/observed most of the time (with appropriate accommodations) with consistent and independent generalization of skill across days and novel tasks.

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