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Explanatory Writing Rubric—English						
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Focus/Ideas	Composition lacking clarity, focus, and essential information	Some repeated or off- topic information; leaves reader with several big questions	Composition stays mostly on topic	Clear, focused composition; stays on topic and presents essential information		
Organization	No paragraphs; no topic sentences, main ideas, or supporting details	Some paragraphs with unclear or missing topic sentences, few supporting details	Good paragraphs with clear topic sentences including main ideas with supporting details	Paragraphs organized around a main idea with strong topic sentences and supporting details		
Specific Examples	Composition includes no examples for each type of erosion discussed	Composition includes 1 example for each type of erosion discussed	Composition includes 2 examples for each type of erosion discussed	Composition includes 2 -3 examples for each type of erosion discussed		
Word Choice	Incorrect or limited word choice; no or very few signal words	Some vague and repetitive words, uses few signal words	Clear language; uses signal words in most paragraphs	Exact, descriptive; uses signal words in each paragraph		
Sentences	Many fragments and run-ons	Many short, choppy sentences	Good sentence variety	Varied, well-crafted sentences		
Conventions	Many serious errors	Little control, many errors (capital letters, full stops, plurals)	Good control, few errors (capital letters, full stops, plurals)	Excellent control, few or no errors (capital letters, full stops, plurals)		

Science Content Rubric						
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Weathering	Unable to explain the concept of Weathering	Explains the concept of weathering, i.e. "Breaking Down" but doesn't include evidence or examples	Clearly explains the concept of weathering, i.e. "Breaking Down", and includes some evidence and/ or examples	Goes beyond the proficient answer by including advanced vocabulary and conceptual understanding		
Erosion	Unable to explain the concept of Erosion	Explains the concept of erosion, i.e. "Taking Away" but doesn't include evidence or examples	Clearly explains the concept of erosion i.e. "Taking Away" and includes some evidence and/ or examples	Goes beyond the proficient answer by including advanced vocabulary and conceptual understanding		
Deposition	Unable to explain the concept of Deposition	Explains the concept of deposition, i.e. "Dropping Off" but doesn't include evidence or examples	Clearly explains the concept of erosion i.e. "Dropping Off" and includes some evidence and/ or examples	Goes beyond the proficient answer by including advanced vocabulary and conceptual understanding		
Prevention	Unable to explain how to prevent erosion and /or doesn't understand the concept	Provides examples of a solution but doesn't include explanations for HOW	Provides examples of solutions and includes explanations of HOW	Provides examples of solutions to slow or prevent erosion along with detailed explanations of how each solution works		