**Expository Paragraph Grading Rubric**

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Name of Assessment

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|  | *Uses varied transitions and sentence structures. Advanced Trait* |
|  | Answers the content area question accurately. **Proficient Trait** |
|  | Introduces the topic (answers the question accurately in the topic sentence). **Proficient Trait** |
|  | Develops the topic in your own words with at least two well-chosen, facts, extended definitions, and/or concrete details. **Proficient Trait** |
|  | Uses precise language and at least three domain specific vocabulary words. **Proficient Trait** |
|  | Provides a concluding statement or section (no more than three sentences). **Proficient Trait** |
|  | Writing stays on topic, show evidence of organization, and makes sense. **Proficient Trait** |
|  | Prewriting, brainstorming, or outlining evident. |

**\_\_\_\_\_Advanced (4) All traits evident.**

**\_\_\_\_\_Proficient (3) All six proficient traits evident.**

**\_\_\_\_\_Progressing (2) four of the six proficient traits**

**evident.**

**\_\_\_\_\_Needs Practice (1) Three or fewer of the six**

**proficient traits evident.**