WHST.6-8.2 (Informative)

Write informative/explanatory texts, including

the narration of historical events, scientific

procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what

is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and

information into broader categories as

appropriate to achieving purpose; include

formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g.,

charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to

aiding comprehension.

b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen

facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations,

or other information and examples.

c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to

create cohesion and clarify the relationships

among ideas and concepts.

d. Use precise language and domain-specific

vocabulary to inform about or explain the

topic.

e. Establish and maintain a formal style and

objective tone.

f. Provide a concluding statement or section that

follows from and supports the information or

explanation presented.

Write informative/explanatory texts **focused on discipline-specific content.**

Advanced: (4)

* All proficient criteria plus…
* Includes more than three facts/definitions/details to inform or explain the topic
* Includes quotation(s) from the text or primary sources to inform or explain the topic

Proficient (3)

* Introduce your topic clearly
* Include at least three facts/definitions/details to inform or explain the topic
* Use transitions to create cohesion and clarify relationships among ideas and concepts
* Include at least 3 domain-specific vocabulary to inform or explain the topic
* Provide a concluding statement
* Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone

Progressing (2)

* 4-5 out of 6

Needs Practice (1)

* 1-3 out of 6