

# Assessment Rubric for Explanatory Texts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You can use this rubric for assessment (including pre-assessment) of a student’s descriptive texts throughout the year. You can use different coloured pens to show the student’s progress.

Note the form of the Descriptive Text:

- picture    scribbles with letters    combination of picture and scribble with letters
- some conventional spellings and approximations    more conventional writing

You may need to assess orally unless the piece is close to conventional writing.

Did you assess with  oral retelling or  writing sample?

SKILLS AND FEATURES	COMMENTS
<b>Text Organization</b>	
Begins with a title or heading about the subject	
Includes a simple explanation of how and/or why.	
<b>Language and Text Features</b>	
Uses action words	
Uses linking words that show a cause-and-effect relationship (if/the, because)	
Includes illustrations	

# Explanatory

## Explanation Organizer

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question**

**Answer**

# Self-Assessment: Explanation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Encourage students to write, draw, or answer the following questions orally.

**Things I learned about writing an explanation:**

**Things I am good at:**