

Writing to Inform

Development

- *All necessary information needed to understand the story is present
- *Ideas and actions are fully developed and explained

Organization

- *Ideas are organized logically (Beginning, Middle, and End)
- *Topic sentence (the story lead) introduces the topic
- *Sufficient, appropriate details fully support the topic
- *Concluding sentence ties the story together

Attention To Audience

- *Enough information is presented so reader can understand the topic
- *Story answers questions the reader might have

Language

- *Vocabulary is appropriate for the topic
- *Precise, appropriate, and descriptive language adds meaning to the story
- *Variety of sentence structures and use of linking words or phrases, as appropriate, make the story easy to read and understand

Linking Words and Phrases:

To introduce and organize ideas

First, ...To begin with, ... Next, ... Another ...In addition

To introduce details

For example, ...For instance, ... In fact, ... such as ... including

To compare and contrast

Similarly

Even though

On the contrary

However

Compared to

Rather than

Although

In contrast

Have in common

On the other hand

As opposed to

Otherwise