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 Compared to Have in common
Even though Rather than On the other hand
On the contrary Although As opposed to
However In contrast Otherwise