Writing (WR) Anchor Standards and Benchmark Skills

CCR.WR.ABE.1: Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

NRS LEVEL 1	NRS LEVEL 2	NRS LEVEL 3	NRS LEVEL 4
GE: 0.0-1.9	GE: 2.0-3.9	GE: 4.0-5.9	GE: 6.0-8.9
GE: 0.0-1.3	1.2. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. a) Introduce the topic or text they are writing about, state an opinion,	1.3. Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons and information. a) Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an	1.4. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence. a) Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and
	and create an organizational structure that lists reasons. b) Provide reasons that support the opinion. c) Use linking words and phrases (e.g., because, therefore, since, for example) to connect opinion and reasons. d) Provide a concluding statement or section.	opinion, and create an organizational structure in which ideas are logically grouped to support the writer's purpose. b) Provide logically ordered reasons that are supported by facts and details. c) Link opinion and reasons using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., consequently, specifically). d) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented.	evidence logically. b) Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text. c) Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence. d) Establish and maintain a formal style. e) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

CCR.WR.ABE.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

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GE: 0.0-1.9	GE: 2.0-3.9	GE: 4.0-5.9	GE: 6.0-8.9
2.1 Write informative and explanatory texts in which they name a	2.2 Write informative and explanatory texts to examine a topic and	2.3 Write informative and explanatory texts to examine a topic and	2.4 Write informative and explanatory texts to examine a topic and

topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.

convey ideas and information clearly.

- a) Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.
- c) Use linking words and phrases (e.g., also, another, and, more, but) to connect ideas within categories of information.
- d) Provide a concluding statement or section.

convey ideas and information clearly.

- a) Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b) Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
- c) Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).
- d) Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
- e) Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.

- convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content. (This includes 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, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/ effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- b) Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- c) Use appropriate 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.
- f) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.