



Argument and Informative/Explanatory

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- 5** The writer personalizes the topic and forms a strong connection with the audience by demonstrating a strong sense of purpose and appropriateness to task and audience.
- The writer's voice comes through the composition and strengthens the connection with the audience.
 - Compositional risks are successful and enhance the response.
 - The communication with the audience is strong without seeming forced.
 - The writer establishes and maintains a formal style.
- 4** The writer forms a reasonably successful connection with the audience and has awareness of purpose.
- There is evidence of voice and awareness of the audience.
 - Compositional risks, if evident, are reasonably successful.
 - The communication with the audience is evident and does not seem forced.
 - The writer establishes and maintains a generally formal style.
- 3** The writer's connection with the audience and purpose is uneven.
- The response may be mundane and lack voice.
 - Compositional risks, if evident, are only partially successful.
 - The writer may not demonstrate awareness of the audience or the writing may seem somewhat artificial.
 - The writing may show an uneven use of formal style.
- 2** The writer's connection with the audience and purpose is weak.
- The response has a weak awareness of the audience and lacks voice.
 - The response is pedestrian and may be formulaic.
 - Any reaching out to the audience is disruptive to the flow of the response.
 - The response may have insufficient writing to develop a connection with the audience.
 - The writing lacks a formal style.
- 1** The writer demonstrates little to no sense of the audience or the purpose of the topic.
- The response is disconnected from the topic and may have vague or random ideas.
 - The response may be difficult for the audience to understand.
 - The response may have insufficient writing to develop a connection with the audience.

Narrative

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