

2011 Expository Writing: Graphic Organizer, Grade 4

This graphic organizer shows the major expectations for the 4th grade writing assignment: At least three paragraphs to include 1 introduction paragraph with a hook and topic sentence, at least 1 body paragraph, and 1 conclusion paragraph; at least 3 main idea (example or explanation) sentences about the topic; at least 1 detail sentence in support of each main idea. Refer to the Grade 4 Scoring Rubric for a complete listing of the assignment expectations.

Hook sentence to interest the reader.

Sentence that makes a statement about the topic (topic sentence).

Sentence that defines the three main idea examples (orange, green, brown) of your body paragraph(s), or one transition sentence.

Sentence about the first main idea example.

Detail sentence about the first main idea example.

Sentence about the second main idea example.

Detail sentence about the second main idea example.

Sentence about the third main idea example.

Detail sentence about the third main idea example.

WHO

WHAT

WHERE

WHEN

HOW

WHY

Restatement of the topic sentence, but in a new way.

Restatement of the three main ideas, but in a new way.

Wrap-it-up sentence. Restatement of the hook, but in a new way.