Research Writing Rubric

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Writing has a clear introduction and conclusion.	An introduction and conclusion were NOT included.	An introduction OR conclusion were included.	An introduction AND conclusion were included.	An introduction and conclusion were included in a CREATIVE way
Nonfiction text features were used.	Nonfiction text features were NOT included.	One or two nonfiction text features were included.	SOME nonfiction text features were included.	MANY nonfiction text features were included.
Facts were included to support writing.	Facts were NOT included.	One or two facts were included.	SOME facts were included.	MANY facts were included.
Used transition words to show the sequence of events.	Transition words were NOT included.	One or two transition words were included.	SOME transition words were included.	MANY transition words were included.
2nd grade spelling was used.	Did NOT use 2nd grade spelling.	SOME 2nd grade spelling was used.	MOST 2nd grade spelling was used.	Writing has LITTLE to NO mistakes in spelling.
2nd grade capitalization/ punctuation was used.	Did NOT use capitalization/punctuation.	SOME capitalization/p unctuation was used.	MOST of the writing has capitalization/punctuation.	Writing has little to no errors in capitalization/punctuation.
2nd grade handwriting/ spacing was used.	Handwriting/ spacing is NOT neat.	Handwriting/ spacing is somewhat neat.	Handwriting/ spacing is mostly neat.	Handwriting/ spacing is neat.

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