**WHST 11-12.2 Explanatory - Summary**

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|  | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **Score** |
| **Introduce Topic** | * Demonstrates advanced understanding of topic/main idea
 | * Shows clear understanding of topic/main idea
 | * Introduction to topic/main idea lacks clarity
 | * Serious misunderstanding of topic/main idea
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| **Use of facts/Evidence**  | * Uses outside ideas and facts from other sources
* Cites outside sources
 | * Strong use of significant and relevant facts and evidence in your own words
* Use evidence appropriately to support main idea/topic
 | * Some use of facts and evidence
* Often written in author’s words
* Sometimes relates the evidence back to main idea/topic
 | * Limited or no use of relevant facts and evidence
* Written in author’s words
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| **Organization**  | * Organization is fluid and strengthens reader’s understanding of material
 | * Clear and varied transitions
* Organization shows a clear plan
 | * Some transitions seems mechanical or forced
* Organization somewhat unclear
 | * Illogical organization
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| **Spelling/Grammar/Academic Language** | * No grammatical and spelling errors
* Use of academic language shows advanced understanding of topic/main idea
 | * Minor errors in grammar and spelling – does not take away from understanding of writing
* Proper use of academic language specific to the topic
 | * Many grammatical and spelling errors – makes it somewhat difficult to understand the writing
* Weak use of academic language and topic specific vocabulary
 | * Frequent grammatical and spelling mistakes that interfere with understanding
* Informal language
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| **Overall Presentation** | * Illustrations and text show a greater level of creativity
* Professional looking
 | * Contains all 6 topics
* At least 12 pages long (BOOK)
* 6 working links (WEBSITE)
* All illustrations show time was taken to create the best work possible
* Text is grade level appropriate (8th grade)
 | * Missing a topic
* Less than 12 pages long
* Illustrations seemed rushed and are not quality work (BOOK)
* Missing links (WEBSITE)
* Text is not grade level appropriate
 | * Missing more than one topic
* Missing many pages
* Missing illustrations/text
* Messy
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| **Notes** |  | **Score**  |