**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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **Notes** |  | | | | **Score** |