6th Grade

2nd Trimester On-demand Informative/Explanatory Writing Task

**Today you will write an informational piece of writing about a topic you have been studying and researching in class. Some examples of informational writing are a report of information or a literary non-fiction piece, e.g. biography, personal essay, speech.**

**When referring to and quoting from the classroom materials on the topic you’ve been studying, cite your source(s).**

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| **As you DRAFT your writing, be sure to:** | |
|  | Introduce the topic or thesis statement and have a clear central idea. |
|  | Organize the ideas and information using strategies such as:   * Compare/contrast * Cause/effect |
|  | Develop the topic with:   * Relevant facts * Definition * Details * Quotations, or other information and examples |
|  | Use transitions |
|  | Use precise language and vocabulary |
|  | Maintain a formal style |
|  | Provide a conclusion |
| **As you EDIT your writing, check your:** | |
|  | Capitalization |
|  | Sentences |
|  | Punctuation |
|  | Spelling |