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Descriptive Writing, Grades 1-2

What is a rubric? A rubric is a coherent set of criteria for student work that describes levels of performance quality. Sounds simple enough, right? Unfortunately, rubrics are commonly misunderstood and misused. The good news is that when rubrics are created and used correctly, they are strong tools that support and enhance classroom instruction and student learning. In this comprehensive guide, author Susan M. Brookhart identifies two essential components of effective rubrics: (1) criteria that relate to the learning (not the "tasks") that students are being asked to demonstrate and (2) clear descriptions of performance across a continuum of quality. She outlines the difference between various kinds of rubrics (for example, general versus task-specific, and analytic versus holistic), explains when using each type of rubric is appropriate, and highlights examples from all grade levels and assorted content areas. In addition, Brookhart addresses * Common misconceptions about rubrics; * Important differences between rubrics and other assessment tools such as checklists and rating scales, and when such alternatives can be useful; and * How to use rubrics for formative assessment and grading, including standards-based grading and report card grades. Intended for educators who are already familiar with rubrics as well as those who are not, this book is a complete resource for writing effective rubrics and for choosing wisely from among the many rubrics that are available on the Internet and from other sources. And it makes the case that rubrics, when used appropriately, can improve outcomes by helping teachers teach and helping students learn.

How to Create and Use Rubrics for Formative Assessment and Grading

In this book, authors Murphy and O'Neill propose a new way forward, moving away from high-stakes, test-based writing assessment and the curriculum it generates and toward an approach to assessment that centers on student learning and success. Reviewing the landscape of writing assessment and existing research-based theories on writing, the authors demonstrate how a test-based approach to accountability and current practices have undermined effective teaching and learning of writing. This book bridges the gap between real-world writing that takes place in schools, college, and careers and the writing that students are asked to do in standardized writing assessments to offer a new ecological approach to writing assessment. Murphy and O'Neill's new way forward turns accountability inside out to help teachers understand the role of formative assessments and assessment as inquiry. It also brings the outside in, by bridging the gap between authentic writing and writing assessment. Through these two strands, readers learn how assessment systems can be restructured to become better aligned with contemporary understandings of writing and with best practices in teaching. With examples of assessments from elementary school through college, chapters include guidance on designing assessments to address multiple kinds of writing, integrate reading with writing, and incorporate digital technology and multimodality. Emphasizing the central role that teachers play in systemic reform, the authors offer sample assessments developed with intensive teacher involvement that support learning and provide information for the evaluation of programs and schools. This book is an essential resource for graduate students, instructors, scholars and policymakers in writing assessment, composition, and English education.

Assessing Writing to Support Learning

Multifaceted Assessment in Early Childhood is ideal for those on upper-division undergraduate courses and first-level graduate courses in early childhood education assessment. The book covers the various measures

used in a range of assessment dimensions, and includes valuable information regarding young children with special needs and English Language Learners, which has rarely been touched upon in other textbooks. The chapters are focused on student accessibility and include practical applications of key concepts. Features and benefits: Covers a range of assessment concepts, including - Formative (uses feedback from learning to adapt teaching) -Summative (i.e. tests, quizzes) -Authentic (focuses on complex/deeper tasks) -Standardized (STAR, SAT) Includes coverage of assessment for English language learners and children with special needs -- topics that are not provided enough coverage in other books (including Wortham, McAfee, Puckett and Mindes). Wright's writing style grabs and engages the reader in the topic. Two of our reviewers who use Wortham specifically cited Wright's writing style as a reason they would adopt our book. A McAfee reviewer is likely to switch for the same reason.

Multifaceted Assessment for Early Childhood Education

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English Support for Writing Test 4 Part Grade 8

Today’s young learners know more about their world than ever before. This remarkable book shows that even our youngest writers can consider audience and purpose as they use nonfiction writing to document their ideas and share those ideas with others. But if students are going to be able to use writing to learn, they must have opportunities for learning to write. That’s what this book is for. A wealth of hands-on minilessons offer strategies for writing informational, persuasive, and procedural text. Each lesson starts with a learning goal and follows an “I do, we do, you do” format. Teachers will find a wealth of ideas for guiding young students to write about what they know and care about.

How to Create and Use Rubrics for Formative Assessment and Grading

Interpreting Standardized Test Scores: Strategies for Data-Driven Instructional Decision Making is designed to help K-12 teachers and administrators understand the nature of standardized tests and, in particular, the scores that result from them. This useful manual helps teachers develop the skills necessary to incorporate these test scores into various types of instructional decision making—a process known as “data-driven decision making”—necessitated by the needs of their students.

Marvelous Minilessons for Teaching Nonfiction Writing K–3

How do we as educators allow students to creatively express themselves, support them academically, and prepare them for a professional world built on written and verbal communication? This text will alleviate the

concerns of those who are worried about the disintegration of the English language and help them find strategies to support learners.

Interpreting Standardized Test Scores

High-stakes accountability and the growing move towards standardized testing are placing teacher knowledge and assessment skills under ever-increasing scrutiny. Teachers know what is going on in their classrooms and have first-hand reliable evidence of what their students can accomplish. They can be the major factor in student assessment and help their students better demonstrate what they have learned. *Smart Tests* shows educators how to create well-structured evaluation tools that match assessment tasks to the purpose and content of instruction. Teachers learn how to relate testing directly to classroom goals and activities and make assessment an integral part of learning and teaching, not just the end result. They will find the information they need to build assessment tasks that give students in grades K-8 the opportunity to succeed. These tasks encourage students to apply new knowledge, reflect and defend their thoughts and opinions, and connect what they learn the world beyond the classroom.

Help! My Students Write Like They Text

"This is a wonderful book with deep insight into the relationship between teachers' action and result of student learning. It discusses from different angles impact of action research on student learning in the classroom. Writing samples provided at the back are wonderful examples." —Kejing Liu, Shawnee State University
Teacher Action Research: Building Knowledge Democracies focuses on helping schools build knowledge democracies through a process of action research in which teachers, students, and parents collaborate in conducting participatory and caring inquiry in the classroom, school, and community. Author Gerald J. Pine examines historical origins, the rationale for practice-based research, related theoretical and philosophical perspectives, and action research as a paradigm rather than a method. **Key Features** Discusses how to build a school research culture through collaborative teacher research Delineates the role of the professional development school as a venue for constructing a knowledge democracy Focuses on how teacher action research can empower the active and ongoing inclusion of nontraditional voices (those of students and parents) in the research process Includes chapters addressing the concrete practices of observation, reflection, dialogue, writing, and the conduct of action research, as well as examples of teacher action research studies

Smart Tests

Inspire students to develop as writers in the first grade classroom with these engaging and creative writing lessons. This classroom-tested resource shows positive results in students' writing and simplifies the planning of writing instruction. It contains detailed information on how to establish and manage daily *Writer's Workshop* and includes consistent, structured instruction to encourage students to actively participate in the writing process. Specific lessons to help students develop the traits of quality writing are also included.

Teacher Action Research

Paths to College and Career Jossey-Bass and PCG Education are proud to bring the Paths to College and Career English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum and professional development resources for grades 6–12 to educators across the country. Originally developed for EngageNY and written with a focus on the shifts in instructional practice and student experiences the standards require, *Paths to College and Career* includes daily lesson plans, guiding questions, recommended texts, scaffolding strategies and other classroom resources. *Paths to College and Career* is a concrete and practical ELA instructional program that engages students with compelling and complex texts. At each grade level, *Paths to College and Career* delivers a yearlong curriculum that develops all students' ability to read closely and engage in text-based discussions, build evidence-based claims and arguments, conduct research and write from sources, and expand their

academic vocabulary. Paths to College and Career's instructional resources address the needs of all learners, including students with disabilities, English language learners, and gifted and talented students. This enhanced curriculum provides teachers with freshly designed Teacher Guides that make the curriculum more accessible and flexible, a Teacher Resource Book for each module that includes all of the materials educators need to manage instruction, and Student Journals that give students learning tools for each module and a single place to organize and document their learning. As the creators of the Paths ELA curriculum for grades 6–12, PCG Education provides a professional learning program that ensures the success of the curriculum. The program includes: Nationally recognized professional development from an organization that has been immersed in the new standards since their inception. Blended learning experiences for teachers and leaders that enrich and extend the learning. A train-the-trainer program that builds capacity and provides resources and individual support for embedded leaders and coaches. Paths offers schools and districts a unique approach to ensuring college and career readiness for all students, providing state-of-the-art curriculum and state-of-the-art implementation.

Writer's Choice Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics Grade 8

The fourth edition of this comprehensive resource helps future and practicing teachers recognize and assess literacy problems, while providing practical, effective intervention strategies to help every student succeed. The author thoroughly explores the major components of literacy, providing an overview of pertinent research, suggested methods and tools for diagnosis and assessment, intervention strategies and activities, and technology applications to increase students' skills. Discussions throughout focus on the needs of English learners, offering appropriate instructional strategies and tailored teaching ideas to help both teachers and their students. Several valuable appendices include assessment tools, instructions and visuals for creating and implementing the book's more than 150 instructional strategies and activities, and other resources.

Getting to the Core of Writing: Essential Lessons for Every First Grade Student

Download this easy-to-use benchmark writing test today and use it as a formative assessment in your first grade classroom. Included are suggested prompts, a rubric, assessment tools, and writing samples.

English Language Arts, Grade 6 Module 2

Writing is hard work. Teaching it can be even harder. As most teachers know, writer's workshop doesn't always go as planned, and many find there are obstacles that they consistently struggle with. In his role as a literacy coordinator and teacher, Mark Overmeyer has heard the same issues raised again and again by both new and experienced colleagues. When *Writing Workshop Isn't Working: Answers to Ten Tough Questions, Grades 2-5* provides practical advice to overcome these common problems and get your writing workshop back on track. Acknowledging the process-based nature of the writing workshop, this book does not offer formulaic, program-based, one-size-fits all answers, but presents multiple suggestions based on what works in real classrooms. The ten key questions this book addresses include: How do I help students who don't know what to write about? How do I help students develop stronger vocabulary and word choice? How do I prepare my students for standardized tests without compromising my writing program? How should I assess student writing? How can I help my students use revision effectively? This book is a handy reference tool for answering specific questions as they pop up during the year. Overmeyer uses student examples throughout to help teachers envision these solutions in their own classes, and he includes an array of classroom-tested ideas for helping primary and intermediate English language learners. There may not be any easy answers to the complexities of writer's workshop, but by identifying and providing advice on the most common stumbling blocks one encounters, *When Writing Workshop Isn't Working* provides a solid groundwork—freeing up time and creativity for teachers to address the specific needs of their students.

Literacy Assessment and Intervention for Classroom Teachers

REA's TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (391) Book + Online Gets You Certified and in the Classroom! This revised 4th edition reflects the Texas's TExES Core Subjects (391) exam, which launched in January 2021. Texas teacher candidates seeking a generalist certificate for early childhood and elementary school are required to take the TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (391) test. REA's revised and updated test prep offers extensive coverage of the five subject areas assessed on the new exam: * English Language Arts and Reading (901) * Mathematics (902) * Social Studies (903) * Science (904) * Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education (905) Whether you are a traditional college student or a career-changing professional, REA's TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (391) with Online Practice Tests is designed to help you pass the test so you can get certified and start your teaching career. Written by a team of noted Texas-based teaching experts, this test prep is relevant, up-to-date, and practical. This is focused prep custom-built for the TExES Core Subjects exam EC-6, with the right blend of review and practice content. The book contains five targeted subject reviews that align with each Core Subjects subtest. To help set your study path and boost your confidence, we provide an online diagnostic test plus two full-length practice exam batteries (one in the book and one online at the REA Study Center). Spanning hundreds of questions, the tests cover every domain and competency. In addition, computerized testing at the REA Study Center comes with automatic timing and scoring, as well as diagnostic feedback on every question to help you zero in on the topics that give you trouble now, so you can succeed on test day. REA's TExES Subjects EC-6 (391) is a must-have for anyone who wants to teach early childhood and elementary school in the Lone Star State.

Benchmark Writing Assessment Level 1

Consists of an annotated bibliography of materials held by the Test Center.

When Writing Workshop Isn't Working

In many schools and higher education institutions it has become common practice to share assessment criteria with students. Sometimes it is required for accountability purposes, at other times criteria are used as a means to communicate expectations to students. However, the idea that explicit assessment criteria should be shared with students has been contested. On the one hand, research has shown that explicit criteria may positively affect student performance, reduce their anxiety, as well as support students' use of self-regulated learning strategies. On the other hand, there are fears that explicit criteria may have a restraining influence on students' learning, as well as limiting their autonomy and creativity. There are also indications of students becoming more performance oriented, as opposed to learning oriented, when being provided with explicit assessment criteria. Taken together, it is not fully understood under which circumstances it is productive for student learning to share explicit assessment criteria, and under which circumstances it is not. In particular, empirical research on the proposed negative effects of sharing criteria with learners is limited and most fears voiced in the literature are based on individual experiences and anecdotal evidence. In this book, we therefore bring different perspectives on transparency in assessment together, in order to further our understanding of how students are influenced by the use of explicit assessment criteria. A deeper understanding of the influence of explicit assessment criteria on students' understanding of criteria, motivation, and learning is equally imperative for future research and educational practice, both of which need to go beyond individual opinions and convictions.

TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (391) Book + Online

180 Days of Science is a fun and effective daily practice workbook designed to help students explore the three strands of science: life, physical, and earth and space. This easy-to-use first grade workbook is great for at-home learning or in the classroom. The engaging standards-based activities cover grade-level skills with easy to follow instructions and an answer key to quickly assess student understanding. Students will explore a new topic each week building content knowledge, analyzing data, developing questions, planning solutions, and communicating results. Watch as students are motivated to learn scientific practices with these quick independent learning activities. Parents appreciate the teacher-approved activity books that keep their child

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Bibliography of Assessment Alternatives

Write on! Write with special-education students in grades 3–4 using Make Writing Exciting! This 160-page book uses step-by-step creative ways to teach and evaluate students' writing skills. It introduces genres of writing in an order that makes sense—with one skill building upon another—or lessons can be incorporated into an existing curriculum. The book also includes a section on how to help struggling writers and students with special needs learn various writing skills. The book supports NCTE standards.

Transparency in Assessment – Exploring the Influence of Explicit Assessment Criteria

180 Days of Science is a fun and effective daily practice workbook designed to help students explore the three strands of science: life, physical, and earth and space. This easy-to-use second grade workbook is great for at-home learning or in the classroom. The engaging standards-based activities cover grade-level skills with easy to follow instructions and an answer key to quickly assess student understanding. Students will explore a new topic each week building content knowledge, analyzing data, developing questions, planning solutions, and communicating results. Watch as students are motivated to learn scientific practices with these quick independent learning activities. Parents appreciate the teacher-approved activity books that keep their child engaged and learning. Great for homeschooling, to reinforce learning at school, or prevent learning loss over summer. Teachers rely on the daily practice workbooks to save them valuable time. The ready to implement activities are perfect for daily morning review or homework. The activities can also be used for intervention skill building to address learning gaps. Aligns to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

180 Days of Science for First Grade

Supplement your science curriculum with 180 days of daily practice! This invaluable classroom resource provides teachers with weekly science units that build students' content-area literacy, and are easy to incorporate into the classroom. Students will analyze and evaluate scientific data and scenarios, improve their understanding of science and engineering practices, answer constructed-response questions, and increase their higher-order thinking skills. Each week covers a particular topic within one of three science strands: life science, physical science, and Earth and space science. Aligned to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and state standards, this resource includes digital materials. Provide students with the skills they need to think like scientists with this essential resource!

Make Writing Exciting, Grades 3 - 4

This book takes a developmental perspective at the use of scoring rubrics to assess student work. Citing developmental characteristics of each age, the author presents examples and adaptations of assessment rubrics on a variety of subjects for teachers from kindergarten through adult/college. After a presentation of foundation information on rubrics, separate chapters are devoted to each grade level from primary through adult. Written so that each chapter can be addressed independently, the book provides additional chapters devoted to assessing technological topics and using rubrics with students with special needs. The final chapters provide practical information to help teachers to create their own rubrics and to convert rubric scores to letter grades. An updated annotated listing of recommended rubric websites is included.

180 Days of Science for Second Grade

"Tired of dull, formula-driven writing from students? Discover Voice Whizardry and awaken their slumbering voices! Easily adaptable to any balanced language arts program, these 36 Discovery Activities teach students in grades 4-8 how to identify the subtle elements of voice and use them skillfully in any writing situation. With literary models and student writing samples for narrative and expository writing throughout, this resource will show teachers and students how to:

- Recognize voice in the writing of others
- Choose writing topics carefully
- Personalize and focus responses to write-on-demand prompts
- Adapt writing voice to different audiences and genres
- Expand vocabulary --essential for writing growth

Plus, each Discover Activity includes a new kind of mini-lesson that helps teachers explore their own voice before introducing the skill to the class --perfect for Professional Growth and/or Development Plans."

180 Days of Science for Fourth Grade

Download this easy-to-use benchmark writing test today and use it as a formative assessment in your second grade classroom. Included are suggested prompts, a rubric, assessment tools, and writing samples.

A Complete Guide to Rubrics

Shows teachers of English at the high-school and middle-school level how to use poetry and fiction to generate student interest and promote higher-level thinking skills.

Illinois Standards Achievement Test

More children than ever before are entering school with minimal English skills or with a need for specialized instruction. In *Listening to Young Writers*, author Melissa Hare Landa presents an organized and comprehensive instructional approach to writing instruction that will move every young child to writing competency--especially those in Title I and ELL programs.

Voice Whizardry

Math problem solving activities.

Benchmark Writing Assessment Level 2

180 Days of Science is a fun and effective daily practice workbook designed to help students explore the three strands of science: life, physical, and earth and space. This easy-to-use third grade workbook is great for at-home learning or in the classroom. The engaging standards-based activities cover grade-level skills with easy to follow instructions and an answer key to quickly assess student understanding. Students will explore a new topic each week building content knowledge, analyzing data, developing questions, planning solutions, and communicating results. Watch as students are motivated to learn scientific practices with these quick independent learning activities. Parents appreciate the teacher-approved activity books that keep their child engaged and learning. Great for homeschooling, to reinforce learning at school, or prevent learning loss over summer. Teachers rely on the daily practice workbooks to save them valuable time. The ready to implement activities are perfect for daily morning review or homework. The activities can also be used for intervention skill building to address learning gaps. Aligns to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Inspired English

180 Days of Science is a fun and effective daily practice workbook designed to help students explore the three strands of science: life, physical, and earth and space. This easy-to-use sixth grade workbook is great for at-home learning or in the classroom. The engaging standards-based activities cover grade-level skills with easy to follow instructions and an answer key to quickly assess student understanding. Students will

explore a new topic each week building content knowledge, analyzing data, developing questions, planning solutions, and communicating results. Watch as students are motivated to learn scientific practices with these quick independent learning activities. Parents appreciate the teacher-approved activity books that keep their child engaged and learning. Great for homeschooling, to reinforce learning at school, or prevent learning loss over summer. Teachers rely on the daily practice workbooks to save them valuable time. The ready to implement activities are perfect for daily morning review or homework. The activities can also be used for intervention skill building to address learning gaps. Aligns to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Resources in Education

180 Days of Science is a fun and effective daily practice workbook designed to help students explore the three strands of science: life, physical, and earth and space. This easy-to-use fifth grade workbook is great for at-home learning or in the classroom. The engaging standards-based activities cover grade-level skills with easy to follow instructions and an answer key to quickly assess student understanding. Students will explore a new topic each week building content knowledge, analyzing data, developing questions, planning solutions, and communicating results. Watch as students are motivated to learn scientific practices with these quick independent learning activities. Parents appreciate the teacher-approved activity books that keep their child engaged and learning. Great for homeschooling, to reinforce learning at school, or prevent learning loss over summer. Teachers rely on the daily practice workbooks to save them valuable time. The ready to implement activities are perfect for daily morning review or homework. The activities can also be used for intervention skill building to address learning gaps. Aligns to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Listening to Young Writers

This 3rd Edition of CliffsNotes FTCE Professional Education Test encapsulates the major test changes to this important Florida teacher certification test that would-be Florida teachers must pass to become credentialed.

Hands-On Problem Solving, Grade 3

Each Teachers Edition focuses on a specific theme and depending upon the grade level, contains explicit, systematic instruction in phonemic awareness, print and book awareness, alphabetic knowledge, phonics, fluency, word structure, vocabulary, comprehension, spelling and writing, appropriate to the specific grade level.

180 Days of Science for Third Grade

This is one in a series of handy grade-level guides providing concrete suggestions for formative assessment to foster improved student learning. Complete with extensive student samples, each book offers ideas for supporting learners as they write across genres.

180 Days of Science for Sixth Grade

Since test items are the building blocks of any test, learning how to develop and validate test items has always been critical to the teaching-learning process. As they grow in importance and use, testing programs increasingly supplement the use of selected-response (multiple-choice) items with constructed-response formats. This trend is expected to continue. As a result, a new item writing book is needed, one that provides comprehensive coverage of both types of items and of the validity theory underlying them. This book is an outgrowth of the author's previous book, *Developing and Validating Multiple-Choice Test Items, 3e* (Haladyna, 2004). That book achieved distinction as the leading source of guidance on creating and validating selected-response test items. Like its predecessor, the content of this new book is based on both an extensive review of the literature and on its author's long experience in the testing field. It is very timely in

this era of burgeoning testing programs, especially when these items are delivered in a computer-based environment. Key features include ... Comprehensive and Flexible – No other book so thoroughly covers the field of test item development and its various applications. Focus on Validity – Validity, the most important consideration in testing, is stressed throughout and is based on the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, currently under revision by AERA, APA, and NCME Illustrative Examples – The book presents various selected and constructed response formats and uses many examples to illustrate correct and incorrect ways of writing items. Strategies for training item writers and developing large numbers of items using algorithms and other item-generating methods are also presented. Based on Theory and Research – A comprehensive review and synthesis of existing research runs throughout the book and complements the expertise of its authors.

180 Days of Science for Fifth Grade

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