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Expository Writing Checklist

Introduction

- 1. Did you use 2 to 3 sentences to introduce the topic?
- 2. Did you introduce your topic with supporting details?
- 3. Do your supporting details completely relate to the topic?
- 4. Is your topic stated clearly?
- 5. Is your introductory paragraph catchy and does it engage the reader?

Body

- 1. Do you have a paragraph for each of your 3-5 details?
- 2. Is each detail clearly stated at the beginning of each paragraph?
- 3. Did you back up each detail with facts?
- 4. Did you include closing remarks at the end of each paragraph and lead into the next paragraph?

Conclusion

- 1. Did you re-state your topic idea?
- 2. Did you finish with an ending that leaves the reader satisfied?
- 3. Did you summarize the previous paragraphs?

Overall:

- 1. Does your expository writing inform the reader well about your topic?
- 2. Did you use informing details, facts and logic?
- 3. Do all your paragraphs relate well to your topic?
- 4. Have you really captured your reader's interest?
- 5. Have you left your readers with good information in some way?