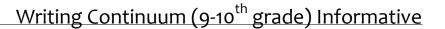
Writing Continuum (9-10th grade) Informative

THE RESPONSE ☐ Introduces and **clearly** maintains a topic ☐ Introduces and adequately maintains a ☐ Introduces a claim, but **does not** Does not introduce a topic (W.9throughout the work (W.9-10.2a) focus on the topic throughout the work maintain a focus on the topic 10.2a) (W.9-10.2a) throughout the work (W.9-10.2a) ☐ **Often** organizes complex ideas, ☐ Consistently and thoroughly organizes ☐ Occasionally organizes complex ideas, ☐ **Does not** organize complex ideas, complex ideas, concepts, and concepts and information to make concepts and information to make concepts and information (W.9-10.2a) information to make important important connections and distinctions important connections and distinctions connections and distinctions (W.9-(W.9-10.2a) (W.9-10.2a) 10.2a) ☐ **Effectively** uses formatting to aid the ☐ **Somewhat** uses formatting to aid the ☐ **Loosely** uses formatting to aid the □ **Does not** use formatting to aid the organization of complex ideas, concepts organization of complex ideas, concepts organization of complex ideas, concepts organization (W.9-10.2a) Organization and information (W.9-10.2a) and information (W.9-10.2a) and information (W.9-10.2a) ☐ Uses appropriate and varied words, ☐ Uses appropriate and varied words, ☐ Uses appropriate and varied words, ☐ **Does not** use appropriate and varied phrases and clauses (transitions) to phrases and clauses (transitions) to phrases and clauses (transitions) to words, phrases, and clauses to create consistently and effectively link major **often** link major sections and to create occasionally link major sections and to cohesion (W.9-10.2c) sections and to create cohesion (W.9cohesion (W.9-10.2c) create cohesion (W.9-10.2c) 10.2c) ☐ Provides a **clear** concluding statement ☐ Provides an adequate concluding ☐ Provides a **minimal** concluding ☐ **Does not** have a concluding Focus & or section that follows the information statement or section that follows statement or section that follows the statement or section (W.9-10.2f) or explanation presented (W.9-10.2f) information or explanation presented information or explanation presented (W.9-10.2f) (W.9-10.2f) ☐ **Sustains** clear and coherent ☐ Inconsistently sustains clear and ☐ Infrequently sustains clear and ☐ **Does not** sustain development, development, organization and style coherent development, organization coherent development, organization organization, and style appropriate to task, purpose, and audience (W.9appropriate to task, purpose and and style appropriate to task, purpose and style appropriate to task, purpose audience (W.9-10.ELA and HST.4) and audience (W.9-10.ELA and HST.4) and audience (W.9-10.ELA and HST.4) 10.ELA and HST.4) ☐ **Often** maintains the flow of ideas by ☐ Consistently maintains the flow of ideas ☐ Occasionally maintains the flow of ideas ☐ **Does not** integrate relevant by integrating relevant information into integrating relevant information into by integrating relevant information into information to maintain a flow of the text (W.9-10.ELA and HST.8) the text (W.9-10.ELA and HST.8) the text (W.9-10.ELA and HST.8) ideas (W.9-10.ELA and HST.8)



Evidence & Elaboration	☐ Integrates well-chosen and relevant graphics and multimedia when appropriate to aid comprehension (W.9-10.2a)	☐ Integrates adequate graphics and multimedia when appropriate to aid comprehension (W.9-10.2a)	☐ Integrates unclear or irrelevant graphics and multimedia when appropriate to aid comprehension (W.9-10.2a)	☐ Does not include graphics and multimedia to aid comprehension (W.9-10.2a)
	☐ Clearly develops the topic in an audience-appropriate manner with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient information and examples (facts, extended definitions, concrete details, and quotations) (W.9-10.2b)	☐ Adequately develops the topic in an audience-appropriate manner with well-chosen, relevant and sufficient information and examples (facts, extended definitions, concrete details, and quotations) (W.9-10.2b)	☐ Minimally develops the topic in an audience-appropriate manner with relevant and sufficient information and examples (facts, extended definitions, concrete details, and quotations) (W.9-10.2b)	☐ Does not develop the topic with appropriate information and examples (W.9-10.2b)
	☐ Consistently uses appropriate and varied words, phrases, and clauses (transitions) to clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts (W.9-10.2c)	☐ Often uses appropriate and varied words, phrases, and clauses (transitions) to clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts (W.9-10.2c)	Occasionally uses appropriate and varied words, phrases, and clauses (transitions) to clarify the relationships among complex ideas and concepts (W.9-10.2c)	☐ Does not use appropriate and varied words, phrases, and clauses to clarify relationships (W.9-10.2c)
	Provides a concluding statement or section that strongly supports the information or explanation presented (e.g. articulating implications or the significance of the topic) (W.9-10.2f)	☐ Provides a concluding statement or section that adequately supports the information or explanation presented (W.9-10.2f)	Provides a concluding statement or section that weakly supports the information or explanation presented (W.9-10.2f)	☐ Concluding statement does not support the information or explanation presented (W.9-10.2f)
	☐ Clearly integrates information from multiple, authoritative, discipline-appropriate texts in order to support analysis, reflection, and research while avoiding plagiarism. (W.9-10.8-9)	☐ Adequately integrates information from texts in order to support analysis, reflection and research while avoiding plagiarism (W.9-10.8-9)	☐ Minimally integrates information from texts in order to support analysis, reflection, and research while avoiding plagiarism (W.9-10.8-9)	☐ Information from texts does not support the topic analysis, reflection and research (W.9-10.8-9) ☐ Work contains plagiarism (W.9-10.8-9)





Style	□ Consistently and accurately integrates precise language and domain-specific vocabulary: □ to manage the complexity of the topic (W.9-10.2d) □ to convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers (W.9-10.HST.2d)	☐ Often integrates precise language and domain-specific vocabulary: ☐ to manage the complexity of the topic (W.9-10.2d) ☐ to convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers (W.9-10.HST.2d)	 □ Occasionally integrates precise language and domain-specific vocabulary: □ to manage the complexity of the topic (W.9-10.2d) □ to convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers (W.9-10.HST.2d) 	□ Does not integrate precise language and domain-specific vocabulary (W.9-10.HST.2d)
	☐ Clearly establishes and maintains a formal style and objective tone in a manner that is appropriate to discipline, task, purpose and audience. (W.9-10.2e and W.9-10.4)	☐ Often establishes and maintains a formal style and objective tone in a manner that is appropriate to discipline, task, purpose and audience (W.9-10.2e and W.9-10.4)	☐ Minimally establishes, but does not maintain a formal style and objective tone in a manner that is appropriate to discipline, task, purpose and audience (W.9-10.2e and W.9-10.4)	☐ Does not establish a formal style and objective tone appropriate to discipline, task, purpose and audience (W.9-10.2e and W.9-10.4)
	☐ Purposefully and effectively uses sentence structure, verb tense and punctuation to support the information or explanation presented to establish tone and mood, and add clarity (W.8.4, L.8.3, L8.1d *)	Adequately uses sentence structure, verb tense and punctuation to support the information or explanation presented, establish tone and mood, and add clarity (W.8.4, L.8.3, L.8.1d *)	☐ Minimally uses sentence structure, verb tense and punctuation to support the information or explanation presented, establish tone and mood, and add clarity (W.8.4, L.8.3, L.8.1d *)	☐ Does not use sentence structure, verb tense and punctuation to support the information or explanation presented, tone, and mood and to add clarity (W.8.4, L.8.3, L.8.1d *)
Conventions	☐ Demonstrates a strong command of the conventions of Standard English grammar (e.g. capitalization, punctuation, spelling) and usage (e.g. verb tense) (L.9-10.1-2)	☐ Demonstrates a adequate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage (L.9-10.1-2)	☐ Demonstrates a weak demonstration of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage (L.9-10.1-2)	☐ Does not demonstrate command of Standard English grammar and usage (L.9-10.1-2)
Conv	☐ Consistently follows a standard format for citation to avoid plagiarism. (W.9-10.8)	☐ Often follows a standard format for citation to avoid plagiarism. (W.9-10.8)	Occasionally follows a standard format for citation to avoid plagiarism. (W.9-10.8)	☐ Does not include citations or is plagiarized. (W.9-10.8)

^{*}There is no comparable language in the 9-10 standards. This language was inserted to ensure consistency from 8th grade to 12th grade.