8th Grade 1st semester Assessment #1 Investigative Research Rubric

Reading: RI.8.8 Delineate and evaluate a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced.				
Delineates and evaluates the argument and specific claims and/or information given in a text. Assesses whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient. Recognizes when irrelevant evidence is introduced. Determines where the argument or information presented can be improved.	3 Delineates and evaluates the argument and specific claims and/or information given in a text. Assesses whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient. Recognizes when irrelevant evidence is introduced.	Outlines the argument/ specific claims and/or the information given in a text. Assesses whether the reasoning is logical and the evidence is relevant. Recognizes when irrelevant evidence is introduced.	I Identifies the argument and specific claims and/or the information given in a text. Identifies the reasoning and the evidence	O There is no, or insufficient evidence of learning to assess the standard at this time.
Writing: W.8.2 Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.				
Writes informative/explanatory text to examine complex key concepts within a topic teaching significant concepts and information. Analyzing sources of relevant information to support major and minor concepts. Applies purposeful structures and formatting. Establishes and maintains a formal style	Writes informative/explanatory text to examine key concepts within a topic making it compelling and accessible. Analyzing sources of relevant information to support major concepts. Constructs using logical structures and formatting. Establishes a formal style	Writes informative/explanatory text to describe key concepts within a topic making it understandable. Uses relevant information Uses structures and formatting.	The state of the s	There is no, or insufficient evidence of learning to assess the standard at this time.
Speaking/Listening: SL.8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.				
4 Engages in collaborative discussion about topic(s) or text(s), to build on others' ideas and express their own ideas clearly. Facilitates and promotes further discussion.	3 Engages in collaborative discussion about topic(s) or text(s), and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own ideas clearly.	Responds to discussion about topic(s) or text(s).	Listens to discussion about topic(s) or text(s).	There is no, or insufficient evidence of learning to assess the standard at this time.

Student "I can" Standards

Reading Informational Text Standard: RI.8.8

- I can identify the side of an argument an author presents in a text.
- I can determine the credibility of the author and his/her purpose (who wrote it, when it was written, and why it was written).
- I can identify claims that are supported by facts(s) and those that are opinion(s).
- I can recognize when an author introduces irrelevant evidence (unrelated or unnecessary evidence) to his/her argument.
- I can delineate and evaluate an argument using the evidence an author provides and determine if the evidence provided is relevant and sufficient to support the claim.

Writing Standard: W.8.2

- I can define common organizational/formatting structures and determine a structure(s) that will allow me to organize my information best.
- I can analyze the information, identify vocabulary specific to my topic, and organize information into broader categories using my chosen structure(s).
- I can present my information in a formal style that includes an introduction that previews what is to follow, supporting details, varied transitions (to clarify and create cohesion when I move from one idea to another), and a concluding statement/section that supports the information presented.

Speaking/Listening Standard: SL.8.1

- I can come prepared with key points and textual evidence to contribute to a discussion.
- I can participate in a discussion by posing questions that connect the ideas of several speakers, responding to questions, and elaborating on my own ideas and/or the ideas of others.
- I can track the progress of a discussion and recognize when the discussion is getting off-topic.
- I can make relevant observations and use my ideas and comments to further the discussion.
- I can review the key ideas presented in a discussion, integrate them with my own when warranted (appropriate), and justify my own views based on evidence introduced by others.