5th Grade Informative Writing Prompt

PROMPT

Did you know that scientists can aid in predicting natural disasters? Read the articles. Compare and contrast how scientists may be helpful in predicting volcanoes and earthquakes. Your essay must be based on ideas and information from the passage set.

TARGETED STANDARDS CONNECTION

Content Standards

Science Standard 5.2.2d: Cite examples of how technology is used to predict volcanoes and earthquakes.

Writing Standards

W.5.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.
  • W.5.2.a Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
  • W.5.2.b Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples related to the topic.
  • W.5.2.c Link ideas within and across categories of information using words, phrases, and clauses (e.g., in contrast, especially).
  • W.5.2.d Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
  • W.5.2.e Provide a concluding statement or section related to the information or explanation presented.

W.5.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.5.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

For those typing their responses: W.5.6 With some guidance and support from adults, Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing as well as to interact and collaborate with others; demonstrate sufficient command of keyboarding skills to type a minimum of two pages in a single setting.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Materials:

“Can We Predict When a Volcano is going to Erupt?” CBBC.co.uk. BBC. 22 June 2011. Web. 23 Feb. 2016.
URL http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13880748