

Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

Name Class Date

Below-average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: Expository Writing (Unit 5, pages 206–209)

Assignment: For a magazine called *How To*, write a one-page, step-by-step explanation of a process.

Ice Cream

Here how you make ice cream. First you go to the store. Making ice cream is hard. Here's how. You need some things like eggs, sugar, milk, cream and salt. This is vanilla. You add toppings later don't make those but you need them for it to be good.

Details are not specific enough

You mix the eggs. You put in everything else I said. Then the cream. It got to get really really cold. The freezer take a long time. Usually we buy ice cream at the Piggly Wiggly every week but my brother had to do it for a school project. We took it all out and everything melted. The floor was all wet. We used towels to clean it. You do some more things. Like stir it. When I made ice cream with my brother it took so long. The toppings are like candy, fudge, fruit. You can make up things. It depends. I put bananas on. No chocolate. I am allergik. This is like the old fasioned way, like covered wagon times or something. That's why my brother was doing it for school. They were studying that. It's a lot of hard work. What do you think?

Includes irrelevant details

Final steps of the process are not described

Summary: *This explanation describes a process but does not clearly identify all the steps involved in that process. Vague word choices, irrelevant details, and mechanical errors distract from the topic. The piece could be improved if the writer made a prewriting list of all the steps in the process, from start to finish, and then related those steps in order. Details that don't relate to any of the steps should be omitted.*

The piece might receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 66 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—26 points for Focus/Organization, 23 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 17 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.