

# Unit 3

Name:

Date:

## 3-1: Planning an Explanation

### Read Like a Writer

1. Complete the chart below.

Science Topic/Title:	
Purpose or focus research question:	
Headings for Paragraphs:	1.
	2.
	3.
Key paragraph ideas, specific details (science vocabulary, cause and effect words).	Paragraph 1
	Paragraph 2
	Paragraph 3
Visual features (graphs, photographs, diagrams, maps)	
Presentation (design elements, including layout, clip art, fonts, borders, colours)	
Three sources of information (websites, books etc.)	

## 3-1 Explanation Planning Rubric

Criteria	Excellent 5	Proficient 4	Satisfactory 3	Limited 2
Outline /5	• I developed a <i>well-organized</i> outline or plan with a <i>precise</i> focused research question, three <i>key</i> ideas and several supporting details.	• I developed a <i>reasonably organized</i> outline or plan with a <i>logical</i> focused research question, three <i>key</i> ideas and several supporting details.	• I developed an <i>basically organized</i> outline or plan with a <i>appropriate</i> focused research question, three <i>key</i> ideas and several supporting details.	• I developed an <i>ineffectively organized</i> outline or plan with a <i>vague</i> and <i>unfocused</i> research question, three <i>key</i> ideas and several supporting details.
Insufficient	Your attempt to respond is <i>insufficient</i> . <b>Contact your teacher</b> to discuss suggestions for improvement.			
Total: /5				
Assessment	Areas of Strength:			
	Target for Improvement:			

**Overall Total: /5**



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