Rubric for 3rd/4th grade expository writing

task discussing two books about the same theme:

Greediness/Generosity (4th gr)

Cleverness (3rd gr)

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| Introduction | States the theme and expands on it in an unique way in the first paragraph. | States the theme in the first paragraph. | Jumps right into talking about characters. | Jumps right into talking about characters. |
| Body paragraph #1 | Describes how the first character shows cleverness, greediness, or generosity and supports views with examples from the stories. | Uses some plot details to show how the character shows cleverness, greediness, or generosity. | Summarizes plot, but doesn’t talk about the character. | One sentence only to describe the character. |
| Body paragraph #2 | Describes how the second character shows cleverness, greediness, or generosity and supports views with examples from the stories. | Uses some plot details to show how the character shows cleverness, greediness, or generosity. | Summarizes plot, but doesn’t talk about the character. | One sentence only to describe the character. |
| Conclusion | Restates the theme and expands on it making connections to the characters discussed. | Restates the theme. | Doesn’t sum it all up at the end. | Doesn’t sum it all up at the end. |
| Punctuation | Capitals, commas, periods, spacing, and other punctuation are correct. | Capitals and periods are correct. | Some use of capitals and periods. | Just beginning to use capitals and periods. |
| Time management | Used full amount of time and proofread the writing to check for errors or to add new ideas. | Used time well. | Wasted some time talking and not focusing. | Lost a lot of time not focusing on task. |