Explanatory Writing Checklist

\_\_\_ My paper is 4-5 paragraphs in length.

\_\_\_\_ My paper has an introduction that includes a hook, a topic sentence and the plan.

\_\_\_ I wrote a hook or a lead (3 questions in a row, some important facts or statistics)

\_\_\_ My paper has 2-3 body paragraphs. Each body paragraph is about 1 subtopic that supports the topic.

\_\_\_ I used elaboration strategies to back up my subtopics. Each body paragraph has lots and lots of elaboration! The redder, the better!

descriptions facts examples

personal anecdotes quotations definitions

\_\_\_ My writing includes 8 WOW words (adjectives, verbs).

\_\_\_ My writing includes 8 ACADEMIC words relating to the content of the paper.

\_\_\_ I have used simple, overused words in a limited way. (not many “got, went,

awesome’s”).

\_\_\_ I edited my paper for CUPS.

\_\_\_ I read and practiced my piece for presentation.