



Emerging | Exemplar Essay

Electricity

What is Electricity?



Claim and Focus

The essay makes no clear claim about the texts. Instead, it offers a general, overarching statement (“But where does electricity come from what is it made of?”), neglecting to attend to the task presented in the prompt. While the writing maintains some focus on the topic of electricity, it does not address the demands of the prompt.



Analysis and Evidence

The essay presents some evidence from the texts, but mostly summarizes the evidence without explanation (“One says what's makes up the neutrons to make the energy flow”). While the sources are vaguely referenced, the evidence provided is not fully integrated or elaborated upon for the reader’s benefit.



Organization

The lack of formal structure makes the essay hard to follow. There is an attempt to hook the reader (“We use electricity everyday of our lives for home , school, and work”), but there is no clear conclusion at the end (“ammonia and vinegar conducts electricity very well.”) Transitions, when included, do not connect a main idea to the evidence meaningfully.



Language and Style

The essay uses little variety in sentence structure. While there is some use of domain-specific vocabulary (“its all made of three parts the proton, the neutron, and the electron”), the response does not maintain a formal style. The essay contains errors that interfere with meaning (“As we all no that matter is all made up of atoms”).



Using Exemplars in Your Lessons

Exemplar essays are tools to take abstract descriptions and make them more concrete for students. One way to use them is to print the clean copies of the essays and allow students to use the rubric to make notes or even find examples of important elements of an essay - thesis statements, introductions, evidence, conclusions, transitions, etc. Teachers can also use exemplars to illustrate what each score point within a trait ‘looks like’ in an authentic student essay. For additional ideas, please see “25 Ways to Use Exemplar Essays” by visiting the Curriculum Resources page in Help.

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Notes

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We use electricity everyday of our lives for home , school, and work. But where does electricity come from what is it made of? As we all no that matter is all made up of atoms and its all made of three parts the proton, the neutron and the electron. The articles say how electrons flow through the current. One says what's makes up the neutrons to make the energy flow "making up an atom-proton,the neutron and protons." The electron flows through technology and the last one says how conductors help move electrical currents through material and use it for power. "ammonia and vinegar conducts electricity very well." That's what makes electricity so cool!