## Appendix 17

# **Checklist for an Information Paragraph**

Name:

#### Reading I have...

□ read my sources carefully.

## Planning

#### I have...

- □ taken notes on at least four key points that can be grouped together;
- used a unifying main idea about one specific aspect of my topic.

## Writing

## I have...

- □ written my paragraph in complete sentences;
- u written a topic sentence that clearly states my main idea about the specific aspect of my topic;
- □ written at least four supporting details in the body of the paragraph to develop the main idea I expressed in my topic sentence;
- □ placed my supporting details in the best order;
- □ summarized my main idea in my concluding sentence;
- organized my ideas clearly to help my reader follow and understand my information paragraph;
- □ used linking words to connect my ideas;
- □ objectively presented my facts and information;
- conveyed an effective tone through word choice and level of language.

#### **Revising and Editing**

#### I have...

- $\Box$  used the stages of the writing process to revise my work;
- created an information paragraph that will appeal to my audience;
- □ created an information paragraph that meets my purpose;
- checked my grammar, spelling, and punctuation;
- $\Box$  had a peer edit my work.

#### Producing

#### I have...

- □ chosen an appropriate title;
- □ neatly and clearly written or typed my final copy.