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**My Rule to Live By:
Essay to Inform**

Directions:

- Students will write an evidence-based essay to inform readers about one of their “rules to live by.”
- Students will support their thinking with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, and examples from the articles that they have read.
- Read the articles found in your packets.
- Annotate the articles in the packets.
- Fill out the “My Rule to Live By Research Topic” chart.
- Fill out the “Generating Research Questions” chart.
- Create an outline to plan your research paper.
- Type your research paper.
- Use the RACER Graphic Organizer to help you organize your thoughts, facts, ideas, and explanations.
- Use transition words to start new paragraphs and to show time and place.

Check your writing for:

- **capitalization of proper nouns**
- **capitalization of the beginning of sentences**
- **organization**
- **punctuation**
- **spelling**
- **indentation of each new paragraph**
- **interesting word choice**
- **See the COPS handout for more suggestions.**