

Parent Guide to the

# Informative/Explanatory Writing

# Today's Standard

9-10.WHST.2 - Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a report on a historical event; Documenting a scientific experiment; Creating a user manual for a technical device; Composing an article on a scientific discovery; Drafting a process description for a technical task

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about writing texts that explain things like history, science, and how to do technical stuff.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes kids think they should put their own opinions in these texts, but they shouldn't. They also might think they don't need to explain technical stuff clearly, but they do.

#### Quiz Me

- What is an informative text?
- Should you include your opinion in an explanatory text?
- Why is it important to explain things clearly?
- What might you write about in a science report?
- Why do we need detailed steps in technical writing?

## Help Me

Writing informative texts helps us explain things clearly so others can understand. For example, writing about a science experiment needs to be clear so others can repeat it and get the same results.