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| **Evaluating Informational Writing - Characteristics to Examine** | |
| Topic - Hot Dogs (p. 884) | |
| Main Idea  In accurate - not about different stories of how hot dogs created  Better topic sentence -  The hot dog of today developed in stages over time. | Unified - all ideas speak to the one main idea  Yes - all about hot dogs |
| Supporting Ideas/Areas of Development  Frankfurtam, Germany -   * First originated   Louisiana purchase Expo 1904   * Developed bun   Yale Students 1890s   * developed name | Coherent - each idea fits into the whole and flows into the next  NO!  If stages of development, should be in chronological (time) order  Frankfurtam, Germany -   * First originated   Yale Students 1890s   * developed name   Louisiana purchase Expo 1904   * Developed bun |
| Text Features - helpful?   * Title   Good - Alliteration  But bad - really about development   * Heading(s)/Subheading(s)   Not good - Makes it seem like comparing   * Sidebar(s)   + position unclear, should come after sub-heading on American hot dogs but no room there * Graphics   None   * Visuals - Poor   + photo of Chicago Dog next to side bar but talk about New York, Southern, and Kansas City hot dogs   + unnecessary photo of hotdog when taking about using gloves | Consistent - ideas work together to support main idea, no idea makes another idea seem untrue  NO!   * Yale story from 1890s says bun already existed, * but Louisiana Expo story from 1904 says that bun hadn't been developed yet. |
| Credible - believable, accurate, from known, trusted source   * had to look up Roosevelt University - never heard of it   + private university in Chicago |
| Logical - reasoning valid (not false)  No problems |