

Expository Essay

ORGANIZATION -- 4	3	2	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The way you organized your essay is perfect for your purpose and this specific prompt. You used organizational strategies that are ideal for expository writing. You have a clear thesis. All of your ideas are strongly tied to your thesis and the prompt. Your focus makes the whole essay feel complete. You organized your ideas in a way that makes sense. You have meaningful transitions and connections that make your essay flow. You make connections between ideas so it's easy to follow your train of thought. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You did a good job organizing your essay for this prompt. You used organizational strategies that work well for expository writing. For the most part, your essay is well organized. You have a clear thesis. Most of your ideas relate to your thesis and the prompt. Your essay is clear, but there may be a few unfocused parts. You organized your ideas in a way that generally makes sense. For the most part, you have meaningful transitions and connections between ideas. I can follow your train of thought. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can tell that you tried to organize your essay for the prompt, but you weren't always successful. The essay is sometimes confusing because you used organizational strategies that don't always work for expository writing. Most of your ideas are related to the prompt's topic, but your thesis is weak or confusing. Some of your information may be off-topic. This sometimes makes it your essay seem unfocused or unclear. The way you organized your ideas is sometimes confusing. Repetition or wordiness sometimes makes your essay harder to read. Your transitions do not always clearly connect your ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The way you organized your essay doesn't work for this prompt. Your organizational strategies don't really work for expository writing. It doesn't seem like you understood the prompt. Most of your ideas generally connect to the prompt's topic, but your thesis statement is missing or confusing. Some of your ideas may be off-topic or unconnected, which makes your essay confusing. The way you organize your ideas is confusing. Repetition, wordiness, and missing transitions makes your essay hard to read or unclear.
DEVELOPMENT OF IDEAS -- 4	3	2	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are well-developed because you used well-chosen and specific details and examples. This makes your point clear. Your essay is thoughtful and holds my attention. Your essay shows your unique way of thinking. You may use your own experiences to express yourself in interesting ways. You show that you understand how to write a strong expository essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are developed because you use specific details and examples. They add to the meaning of your essay. Your essay is somewhat thoughtful. Your essay is original and interesting. You show that you understand how to write an expository essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are loosely developed. Some of your examples or details are not explained enough, or they are not the best choice for this prompt. It doesn't seem like you put a lot of thought into your essay because it's sometimes unoriginal. You show only a limited understanding of how to write an expository essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ideas are weakly developed because your details and examples are not explained or do not work for this prompt. There's not a lot to your essay. Your response is confusing or unconnected to the prompt. It doesn't seem like you understand expository writing yet.
USE OF LANGUAGE/CONVENTIONS -- 4	3	2	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The words you use are purposeful and exact. You set a clear tone that is just right for the prompt. The words you chose to use are perfect for this essay. Your sentences are varied and purposeful. They enhance the quality of the essay. You have a strong understanding of grammar rules. Although minor errors may be evident, they do not detract from the fluency of the writing or the clarity of the essay. The overall strength of the conventions contributes to the effectiveness of the essay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the words you choose are specific and concrete. I can tell you thought about what words would set the best tone for this prompt. Overall, the words you use make your essay clear. Your sentences are varied and well written. For the most part, they improve the effectiveness of your essay. You have a good understanding of most grammar rules (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and other rules). There could be a few minor mistakes, which might distract your reader. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The words you use are general. You seem to understand that words can set a tone, but you might not use the best words for your purpose. Some of your sentences are awkward or incorrect. This makes the essay weaker. You show that you understand most grammar rules, but you still have a few mistakes (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and other rules). This is sometimes distracting or confusing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your word choice is vague or basic. It doesn't seem like you chose your words carefully to set the tone or purpose. Sometimes, the words you use make your essay unclear. Your sentences are simple, awkward, or incorrect. This makes the essay weaker. You have quite a few grammar mistakes (spelling, capitalization, punctuation). This makes your essay hard to read and understand.

