Expository Essay Rubric

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|  | **Thesis** | **Organization** | **Evidence**  **(Concrete Details)** | **Style/Audience** | **Conventions** | **Timeliness** |
| 5 | The thesis statement is clear, well-developed and relevant to the topic. | Transitions within and between paragraphs flow smoothly. | There are three well chosen, concrete details or examples in each paragraph. \*\*The concrete details support the thesis. | The style is engaging and effective. | The essay contains few if any errors in the conventions\* of the English language. (Errors are generally first-draft in nature.) | The essay is handed in on time. |
| 4 | The thesis statement is clear and relevant to the topic. | The structure within paragraphs is clear and easy to follow. | There are three concrete details or examples from the text in each paragraph. The concrete details support the thesis. | The style is appropriate for an academic paper. | The essay contain some errors in the conventions\* of the English language. (Errors do not interfere with the reader’s understanding of the essay.) |  |
| 3 | The thesis statement is somewhat relevant to the topic and/or somewhat clear. | There are clear introduction, body, and conclusion paragraphs. | There are two concrete details in each paragraph.  AND/OR  Some concrete details from the text support the thesis. | The style is sometimes appropriate for an academic paper. | The essay contains several errors in the conventions\* of the English language. (Errors may interfere with the reader’s understanding of the essay.) | The essay is handed in 1 DAY late. |
| 2 | The thesis statement is not clear. | The essay is missing an introduction, body or concluding paragraph. | There are some concrete details. | The style is rarely appropriate for an academic paper. | The essay contains serious errors in the conventions\* of the English language. (Errors interfere with the reader’s understanding of the essay.) | The essay is handed in 2 DAYS late. |
| 1 | The thesis statement is missing or off topic. | There is no organization to the essay. | There are no concrete details. | The style is never appropriate for an academic paper. | The paper is incomprehensible because of the number of convention\* errors. | The essay is handed in more than 2 DAYS late. |

\* Conventions of the English language refer to grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization and usage.

\*\* Details from text must be cited appropriately and all commentary must be of the writer’s own views and thoughts. Plagiarism is not tolerated and will result in a zero for the assignment.