

Expository Writing Assessment

	Excellent: 5 pts	Good: 4 pts	Fair: 3 pts	Poor: 2 pts
Organization	<p>Excellent displays a strong organizational plan</p>	<p>Good displays an organizational plan follows an organizer</p>	<p>Fair displays some evidence of an organizational plan follows an organizer</p>	<p>Poor displays little or no evidence of an organizational plan does not follow an organizer</p>
Ideas	<p>Excellent uses one clear controlling idea and does not wander from it discusses given topic</p>	<p>Good uses one controlling idea with only minimal wandering from it discusses given topic</p>	<p>Fair uses a controlling idea but may wander from it discusses given topic with other add-ins</p>	<p>Poor presents one or more unclear controlling ideas discusses given topic, but discusses other topics just as much</p>
Voice	<p>Excellent displays a strong sense of author control and displays creativity in presenting information</p>	<p>Good displays a sense of author control and may display creativity in presenting information</p>	<p>Fair displays some sense of author involvement and creativity</p>	<p>Poor displays little or no sense of author involvement or creativity</p>
Fluency	<p>Excellent presents ideas with clarity and coherence and provides a conclusion sentences have interesting and effective structures</p>	<p>Good presents ideas that flow smoothly together and may provide a conclusion uses a few interesting sentence structures</p>	<p>Fair presents ideas with minimal attention to their flow most sentences have the same structure sentences have awkward structure</p>	<p>Poor may present irrelevant ideas choppy sentences long, stringy sentences</p>
Conventions	<p>Excellent makes very limited errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics</p>	<p>Good makes occasional errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics</p>	<p>Fair commits some errors in sentence formation, grammar, usage, and mechanics that interrupt the flow of communication</p>	<p>Poor commits many obvious errors in sentence formation, grammar, usage, and mechanics that interrupt the flow of communication</p>
Word Choice	<p>Excellent uses vocabulary defines vocabulary clearly in own words</p>	<p>Good uses vocabulary defines vocabulary in own words</p>	<p>Fair uses vocabulary definition of vocabulary is confusing or unoriginal</p>	<p>Poor does not use vocabulary no definition provided</p>