"Expository Essay Outline Rubric"

Score	Organization	Thesis and Conclusion	Body
High	• Introductory, body, and concluding paragraphs follow an effective organization style: chronological, order of importance, or order of familiarity.	• Thesis provides an invitation and overview of the purpose while the conclusion clearly restates the author's main objective.	• Topic sentences are supported with specific details and examples. • Transitional words or phrases join paragraphs.
Medium	• Introductory, body, and concluding paragraphs follow an organization style: chronological, order of importance, or order of familiarity.	• Thesis provides an overview of the purpose while the conclusion restates the author's main objective.	• Most paragraphs include a topic sentence that is supported with specific details and examples. • Some transitional words or phrases are used.
Low	• Introductory, body, and concluding paragraphs follow a vague organizational style.	• Statements relate to the overall purpose of the writing while the conclusion relates to the author's main objective.	• Some paragraphs include a topic sentence that is supported with specific details and examples. • Few transitional words or phrases are used.
Not Acceptable	• Essay organization detracts from content.	• Thesis and/or conclusion are not evident.	• The body consists of fewer than three paragraphs and or the content is highly repetitive. • No transitional words or phrases are used.

_____ Organization Comments:

_____ Thesis and Conclusion Comments:

_____ Body Comments: