

# ***Expository Essay Rubric***

## **English II**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>
Thesis Statement	The <b>Thesis Statement</b> is skillfully introduced in the last sentence of the introduction. It clearly states the topic and the writer's purpose.	The <b>Thesis Statement</b> is introduced in the last sentence of the introduction. It <i>generally</i> states the topic and the writer's purpose.	The <b>Thesis Statement</b> is introduced in the last sentence of the introduction. It states the topic not the writer's purpose.	The <b>Thesis Statement</b> is introduced in the last sentence of the introduction, yet the topic OR the writer's purpose is unclear.	The <b>Thesis Statement</b> is not included in the introduction.
Explain Evidence	All explanations clearly and insightfully state how evidence supports topic sentence.	Most explanations clearly state how evidence supports topic sentence.	Most explanations generally state how evidence supports topic sentence.	Some explanations generally state how evidence supports topic sentence.	Explanations do not state how evidence supports topic sentence.
Evidence	All evidence is reliable and relevant and purposefully supports each topic sentence.	Most evidence is reliable and relevant and supports each topic sentence.	Most evidence is somewhat reliable and relevant and generally supports each topic sentence.	Evidence is weak and/or does not support topic sentence.	Evidence is unreliable or irrelevant and does not support each reason.
Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling	Author makes no errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author make minor errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes minimal errors in grammar or spelling that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes several grammar or spelling errors that distract the reader from the content.	Author makes so many errors comprehension of the text is inhibited.
MLA Format	Appropriate MLA Formatting was used in ALL parts of the paper.	Appropriate MLA Formatting was most in some parts of the paper.	Inconsistent or incorrect MLA Formatting was used in paper.	Hardly any MLA Formatting was used in paper.	MLA Formatting was not used

Points will be deducted for

- ◆ Use of Dead Words
- ◆ Lack of Transitions