Expository Essay

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| **Scoring Criteria** | **Exemplary**  | **Proficient** | **Emerging** | **Incomplete** |
| **IDEAS****30 pts.** | -clearly stated THESIS-supports topic with 3 pieces of evidence in parenthetical citation format-uses at least 2 difference sources | --THESIS is obvious-supports topic with some evidence in parenthetical citation format-uses 1-2 sources | -unfocused THESIS-evidence is lacking or insufficient-limited sources | -unclear or incomplete THESIS-few facts-little evidence-few or no sources-misstates ideas from sources |
| **STRUCTURE****30 pts.** | -effective, engaging INTRODUCTION-effective TRANSITIONS-insightful CONCLUSION | -clear, focused INTRODUCTION-some TRANSITIONS-CONCLUSION is minimal | -underdeveloped unfocused INTRO.-1 or 2 TRANSITIONS-underdeveloped or unfocused CONCLUSION | -vague, unfocused, or missing INTRO.-missing TRANSITIONS-vague and/orno CONCLUSION |
| **USE****OF** **LANGUAGE****30 pts.** | -precise diction-contains 1-2 COMPOUND sentences-great command of standard English | -appropriate diction-contains at least 1 COMPOUND sentence-acceptable command of standard English | -informal diction-uses I and/or you-lacks sentence varietyCOMPOUND sentence is incorrectly used-limited command of standard English | -informal diction-uses I and/or you-no variety in sentence structure-limited command of standard English so that errors interfere with meaning |
| **MLA****Format****10 pts.** | * Times New Roman
* 12 point font
* Double spacing
* Correctly completed Works Cited page
* Header in upper right
* Heading on 1st page only
 |  | MLA format isIncompleteIncorrect |