

EXPOSITORY/RESEARCH WRITING RUBRIC

POINTS	0	1	2	3	4
THESIS	not presented	not clearly defined or expressed	defined, but somewhat vaguely	defined, but not very clearly expressed	clearly defined and well articulated
TOPIC SENTENCE	no one sentence could be considered a topic sentence	weak; ; it doesn't clarify the topic	good sentence but doesn't sufficiently define topic	good but not great; the topic is clear and the paper is outlined	the topic and goals of the paper are made perfectly clear
RESEARCH	no research	insufficient research or research doesn't support thesis	some research but more would have been better	good, solid research supports thesis	innovative and strong research, perfectly supports thesis
KEY POINTS AND FACTS	all opinion with no facts; facts don't match key points; no key points	doesn't have factual info; more opinion than fact; not enough points/facts	facts don't stand out; not strong enough to convince	strong but not completely convincing	strong key points; good facts; facts used effectively
ORGANIZATION	not organized; sloppy	neat, but not organized; hard to follow;; doesn't feel finished	doesn't stay on topic, not in sequence, not powerful enough, left with questions	mostly organized; neat intro, body, and conclusion; not strong enough	very organized; intro, body, and conclusion stay on topic
WORD CHOICE	words not appropriate to audience or topic	few words used on level; words don't fit (awkward usage); words don't make any impression	some level appropriate words; some words don't fit context; some strong words but not enough	audience level appropriate; lots of effective word choices	audience level appropriate; word choice makes writing stand out; interesting