

Expository/Persuasive Essay Rubric

	Grammar	Organization	Focus	Support	Style
4	<p><i>Highly effective grammar</i> No major errors (such as run-ons, comma splices, fragments, subject/verb agreement errors, pronoun/antecedent agreement errors, dangling/misplaced modifiers) No minor errors (such as spelling errors, tense shifts, double negatives, homonym errors, punctuation errors)</p>	<p><i>Organizational plan is logical and consistently maintained</i> There is a clear introduction with a thesis sentence. The body paragraphs follow a logical order. There are at least three main points discussed about the topic. The paragraphs contain a topic sentence and consist of at least 4-6 sentences. There is a clear conclusion with a restatement of the main points and an idea left for the reader to remember.</p>	<p><i>Consistently stays on topic</i> All information and examples directly relate to the topic.</p>	<p><i>Highly effective support given for each main point</i> At least three examples are given for each main point. Support for the main points is balanced (approximately the same number of examples is given for each main point).</p>	<p><i>Consistently uses good style</i> A variety of sentences is used (simple, compound, complex, compound-complex). Most sentences are in active voice. No contractions are used. Use of 1st and 2nd person is avoided except for the use of 1st person in the conclusion.</p>
3	<p><i>Effective grammar</i> No more than two major errors No more than four minor errors</p>	<p><i>Organizational plan is logical and generally maintained</i> Introduction and/or conclusion are present, but weak. The body paragraphs follow a logical order</p>	<p><i>Generally stays on topic</i> Most information or examples directly relate to the topic. Strays from the topic no more than once.</p>	<p><i>Effective support is given for each main point</i> At least three examples are given for each main point. Support for the main points is unbalanced.</p>	<p><i>Generally uses good style</i> Needs to combine sentences for more mature expression. Several sentences are in passive voice. No more than two contractions are used. 1st person (other than in the conclusion) and/or 2nd person is used no more than three times.</p>
2	<p><i>Moderately effective grammar</i> No more than four major errors No more than six minor errors</p>	<p><i>Organizational plan contains some logical flaws</i> Introduction or conclusion is missing.</p>	<p><i>Sometimes stays on topic</i> Strays from the topic no more than twice.</p>	<p><i>Moderately effective support is given for each main point</i> At least two examples are given for each main point.</p>	<p><i>Sometimes uses good style</i> Overuse of simple sentences. Many sentences are in passive voice. No more than four contractions are used. No more than six uses of 1st and/or 2nd person.</p>
1	<p><i>Ineffective grammar</i> Five or more major errors Seven or more minor errors</p>	<p><i>Organizational plan is illogical and/or not maintained</i></p>	<p><i>Rarely stays on topic</i> Strays from the topic three or more times.</p>	<p><i>Ineffective support is given for each main point</i> Little or no support is given.</p>	<p><i>Rarely uses good style</i> Primarily consists of simple sentences. Uses mostly passive voice. Five or more contractions are used. Seven or more uses of 1st and/or 2nd person</p>