

ACADEMIC

Expository Writing: Essay

Name _____ State _____
School _____ City _____
Time _____ Title _____

1. CONTENT

- (a) Does the composition have a strong thesis? (10 points) _____
- (b) Does it contain logical arguments in support of the thesis? (15 points) _____
- (c) Are there sufficient supporting details? (15 points) _____
- (d) Does the writer avoid emotional appeals? (10 points) _____

COMMENTS: _____ Total This Section (50 points possible) _____

2. ORGANIZATION

- (a) Does the essay have an effective introduction that prepares the reader for the thesis? (5 points) _____
- (b) Is there logical paragraphing with strong topic sentences? (10 points) _____
- (c) Does the conclusion provide a sense of closure for the argument? (5 points) _____

COMMENTS: _____ Total This Section (20 points possible) _____

3. STYLE

- (a) Is the writer's vocabulary and word usage effective? (5 points) _____
- (b) Is the sentence structure varied and correct (subject/verb agreement, etc.)? (5 points) _____
- (c) Does the writer demonstrate creativity in addressing the subject? (5 points) _____

COMMENTS: _____ Total This Section (15 points possible) _____

3. WRITING MECHANICS

- (a) Are the spelling and punctuation correct? (5 points) _____
- (b) Is the grammar correct? (5 points) _____
- (c) Is writing neat and legible? (5 points) _____

COMMENTS: _____ Total This Section (15 points possible) _____

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Judge's Signature