

## EXPOSITORY/RESEARCH WRITING RUBRIC

POINTS	0	1	2	3	4
<b>THESIS</b>	not presented	not clearly defined or expressed	defined, but somewhat vaguely	defined, but not very clearly expressed	clearly defined and well articulated
<b>TOPIC SENTENCE</b>	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
<b>RESEARCH</b>	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
<b>KEY POINTS AND FACTS</b>	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
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	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
<b>WORD CHOICE</b>	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