

Academic

Expository Writing: Essay

Name _____ School _____
City _____ Age Group — Circle one: JH SH
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 possible points)** _____

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)** _____

3. STYLE

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

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

4. WRITING MECHANICS

- a. Are spelling, capitalization, 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)** _____

OVERALL COMMENTS: **Total Points (100 points possible)** _____

Points Total
91-100.....1 Rating
81-90.....2 Rating
71-80.....3 Rating

Judge's Signature