

RUBRIC for History Expository Essays

Criteria	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Not There Yet
Main Idea & Focus	Focus on topic is clear; Evidence supports main idea	Focus on topic is clear; Evidence mostly supports main idea	Focus on topic is somewhat clear; Evidence partly supports main idea	Focus on topic is missing; Evidence largely irrelevant
Organization	Very well organized; easy to read	Mostly well organized; mostly easy to read	Little organization;	Organization is needed
Word Choice	Nouns and verbs make the essay informative and easy to read	Use of nouns and verbs	Needs more specific nouns and verbs; too general	Little to no use of specific nouns and verbs
Spelling & Grammar	No errors	Few errors	Several errors	Many errors