

## Essay



Write one of these types of essays  
(depending on the topic):

- Persuasive
- Expository

### Words from the Trade:

- Allusion
- Simile
- Synonym
- Composition
- Irony
- Thesis
- Expression
- Metaphor
- Transition
- Parallel
- Rough

### Trade Secrets:

- Check your spelling and grammar carefully.
- Avoid first person
- Topic sentence in the essay should support your body of information
- Think before you write.
- Save your best arguments for last (persuasive only).



### Project "Look-4s"

An excellent project has all of these elements:

- An opening that grabs the audience's attention
- Evidence of rewriting from the rough draft to the final story
- Attention to the details, including spelling and grammar
- Use of research in support of topic
- Use of persuasive language throughout the essay (persuasive only)

## Expository Writing

### Performance Element

**Wow!**



**Wow!**



**Getting there**



**Work in progress**



### Topic Sentence

Makes a clear topic sentence of 3 things or reasons and rephrases in the conclusion based on the body

Makes a clear topic sentence but lack rephrasing in the conclusion

Topic sentence is unclear

Fails to establish a clearly stated topic sentence

### Content of Body (Support)

Gives detailed information

Gives information but lacks complete detail

Is making progress, but lacks detail or student made list

Provides weak details

### Organization

My paper has a plan. My sentences do not all start the same.

My paper has a plan but a few ideas do not fit the plan.

My paper has a plan but it may not be clear to my readers. Some ideas do not fit the plan of the paper.

The plan of my paper is confusing. I may not have written enough

### Grammar, Mechanics, and Spelling

No or few errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling

Some errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling

Several errors in grammar, mechanics, or spelling

Numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and spelling