

Expository Paragraph Writing strategies for next time:

According to the Scoring Guide produced for the English Department, your mark for this assignment is: _____ x _____ = _____

On your next expository:

Organization:

1. _____ Indent first sentence.
2. _____ Double-space your writing.
3. _____ Paragraph requires a topic sentence.
4. _____ Topic sentence requires the topic stated clearly enough/with more focus.
5. _____ Topic sentence needs to catch reader's attention.
6. _____ Supporting details must connect or support topic.
7. _____ Supporting details are too vague (explain in more detail)
8. _____ Paragraph requires (more) supporting details.
9. _____ Supporting details must flow logically/chronologically.
10. _____ Make sure that ALL the supporting points are linked to the topic sentence.
11. _____ Paragraph requires more organization.
12. _____ Describe/narrate in more detail.
13. _____ Paragraph requires a concluding sentence.
14. _____ Concluding sentence needs to wrap up the narrative.
15. _____ Include transitions throughout your paragraph to create better flow and cohesiveness.

Sentence Structure:

16. _____ Check sentences for fragments.
17. _____ Run-on sentences are throughout paragraph.
18. _____ Check sentences for awkward, overburdened phrasing.
19. _____ Try for greater sentence variety: a blend of simple, compound, and complex sentences.

Mechanics & Grammar:

20. _____ More proofreading/editing required.
21. _____ Check spelling carefully.
22. _____ Capitalization needs attention/words that need capitalization are not capitalized.
23. _____ Watch verb tense – they must match (Remember: *He are going to school* should be *He is going to school*).
24. _____ Check your overuse or misuse of commas.
25. _____ Check your use/misuse of apostrophes.
26. _____ Check your use/misuse of semi-colons.

Powerful Language:

27. _____ Try to incorporate more descriptive language.
28. _____ Replace simple verbs with more detailed verbs.
29. _____ Use adverbs and adjectives to describe nouns.
30. _____ Precision and effectiveness of language needs focus.

Quotations:

31. _____ A quote cannot stand alone in a sentence by itself.
32. _____ Quotes must be introduced in your own words.
33. _____ Focus on proper quote integration/blend the quote into your writing.
34. _____ Change parts of quote to fit the tense of your paragraph using square brackets. Eg. "[Phil] attempts to be the *cool* dad" (12).
35. _____ Be sure to cite the quote properly – within the bracket should be the author's last name *SPACE* page number and period after last bracket. Eg. (Smith 4).
36. _____ Use smaller portions of a quote, rather than long quotes.