

KEYSTONE EXPOSITORY SCORING GUIDELINES

Scoring Domain	Score Point 4 At this score point, the writer—	Score Point 3 At this score point, the writer—	Score Point 2 At this score point, the writer—	Score Point 1 At this score point, the writer—	Score Point 0 At this score point, the writer—
Thesis/Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> establishes and sustains a precise controlling idea/thesis displays a clear understanding of task, purpose, and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> establishes a controlling idea/thesis displays an understanding of task, purpose, and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides an inconsistent idea/thesis displays a limited understanding of task, purpose, and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides a vague or indistinct controlling idea displays a minimal understanding of task, purpose, and audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides no evidence of a controlling idea/thesis displays no understanding of task, purpose, and audience <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not respond to prompt
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides relevant content and specific and effective supporting details that demonstrate a clear understanding of purpose uses sophisticated transitional words, phrases, and clauses to link ideas and create cohesion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides relevant content and effective supporting details uses transitional words, phrases, and clauses to link ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides insufficient content and ineffective supporting details may use simplistic and/or illogical transitional expressions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides minimal content uses few or no transitional expressions to link ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides little to no content does not use transitional expressions to link ideas <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not respond to prompt
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> chooses sophisticated organizational strategies appropriate for task, purpose, and audience includes a clear and well-defined introduction, body, and conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> chooses appropriate organizational strategies for task, purpose, and audience includes a clear introduction, body, and conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> displays some evidence of organizational strategies may not include an introduction, body, and/or conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> displays little evidence of organizational strategies may not include an identifiable introduction, body, and/or conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> displays no evidence of organizational strategies does not include an identifiable introduction, body, and/or conclusion <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not respond to prompt
Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses consistently precise language and a wide variety of sentence structures chooses an effective style and tone and maintains a consistent point of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses precise language and a variety of sentence structures chooses an appropriate style, tone, and point of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses imprecise language and a limited variety of sentence structures may choose an inappropriate style or tone and may shift point of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses simplistic or repetitive language and sentence structures demonstrates little or no understanding of style, tone, or point of view 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses repetitive language and simple sentence structures demonstrates no understanding of style, tone, or point of view <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not respond to prompt