STAAR English I Expository Writing RUBRIC

	Score Point 1 LIMITED	Score Point 2 BASIC	Score Point 3 SATISFACTORY	Score Point 4 ACCOMPLISHED
O R	Structure – inappropriate or not evident at all	Structure - evident but not always appropriate; somewhat suited	Structure – appropriate, clear, and adequate for purpose	Structure – clearly appropriate and responsive for purpose
G A N	Thesis – missing, unclear, or illogical	Thesis – weak or somewhat unclear	Thesis – clear; ideas directly connected and focused	Thesis – clear; ideas are strongly related and focused
Z A	Fails to maintain focus- difficult to follow Extraneous information	Inclusion of irrelevant information – repetitive minor	Mostly unified – occasional lapses in focus	Strongly unified and coherent
I O N	 repetitive major disruption Shift or progression from idea to idea is weak; illogical 	disruption Shift or progression not always logical and controlled	Shift and progression – logical and controlled; transitions mostly meaningful	Shift/progression – logical and well controlled; transitions meaningful; easy to follow
D	Development of ideas are weak	Development of ideas is minimal and superficial	Development of ideas is sufficient	Development of ideas effective
E V E	Details / examples – inappropriate, vague, or insufficient	Details/examples – not always appropriate, too brief, or only partially	Details/examples – specific and appropriate, adding some substance	Details/examples – specific and well- chosen
L O P	Shows a lack of understanding of prompt	presented Shows little or no	Reflects thoughtfulness – more original	Essay is thoughtful and engaging
M E N		thoughtfulness – more formulaic Limited understanding	Shows good understanding of prompt	Demonstrates understanding through connections to unique experiences or view of
T Of Ideas		of prompt		the world
	Word Choice – vague or limited	Word Choice – general, imprecise, or basic	Word Choice – mostly clear and specific	Word Choice – purposeful and precise
L A	No tone established	Little tone established	Tone is appropriate to purpose	Tone is appropriate and strongly contributes to the quality and clarity
N G U	Simplistic, awkward, or uncontrolled sentences Little or no command	or only somewhat controlled	Sentences are mostly varied and adequately controlled	Sentences are purposeful, varied, and well controlled
A G E	of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage conventions	Partial command of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage conventions	Adequate command of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage conventions	Consistent command of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage conventions
8 = 100	Serious/persistent errors which interfere with meaning $6 = 80-89 \qquad 5 = 6$	Errors create a minor disruption in meaning = 70-79 4 = 60-6	Errors create few, if any, disruptions in meaning 9 3 = 50-59	Errors are minor and do not disrupt strength of essay $2 = 40-49$