wordiness sometimes causes serious disruptions in the essay. At other times the lack of transitions and sentence-to-sentence connections causes the writer to present ideas in a random or illogical way, making on TEQUEST

ository writing task. The writer may choose to use his/her unique experiences or view of the world as a basis for writing or to connect ideas in interesting ways.

The writer's word choice may be vague or limited. It reflects little or no awareness of the expository purpose and does not establish a tone appropriate to the task. The word choice may impede the quality and clarity of the essay.

Sentences are simplistic, awkward, or uncontrolled, significantly limiting the effectiveness of the essay.

The writer has little or no command of sentence boundaries and age-appropriate spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and usage conventions. Serious and persis