

Expository Essay Assessment

Instructions: Write a 5-paragraph expository essay that explains your thoughts and opinions about the issues covered in one of the articles that we've read this year. Your essay should have:

- An introductory paragraph with thesis statement
- 3 body paragraphs
- Evidence from the article to support your thoughts and opinions
- Clear and accurate language
- A concluding paragraph

Prompts: Choose one of the prompts below. Note: all articles are available on my website (www.drescherpdx.com).

1. In the article, 'The Inside Man', Guy Lawson describes the career of G-Rock, a confidential informant for the LAPD and full-time gang member. In your opinion, do confidential informants like G-Rock make their communities more or less dangerous?
2. In the article, 'The Killing Machines', Mark Bowden explores the recent use of drones by the US military to fight in war on terror. In your opinion, do you think that autonomous weapons should be used by our military and/or law enforcement?
3. In the article, 'Rewriting the Code of Life' Michael Specter explores the scientists' use of CRISPR technology to alter organisms' genes. In your opinion, do the medical benefits of using CRISPR outweigh the potential consequences?

Grading Rubric:

Criteria	Above & Beyond	Meets Standard	Almost	Needs Work
Effective Thesis Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clearly written● Not too broad/narrow● Directly answers the question	4 Points	3 Points	2 Points	1 Point

