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Features of Good Expository Writing

• The document has a thesis, the focus or main idea the author is trying to convey.

• The author knows his or her audience and writes for them.

• The author makes an effort to explain complicated scientific ideas more clearly, including
  – Using examples and analogies.
  – Using tools from other forms of writing.

• The document has good organization and flow of ideas, which help the reader to easily identify the main points and transitions between points.

• The author cites sources properly.

• The document has an introduction that introduces the main idea(s), and a conclusion that summarizes them.

• The document has correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

• The document stays relatively on topic and doesn’t have a lot of extra fluff.

• (For papers due in this course) The paper uses readings from the course as sources, demonstrating that the author has read the assignments.