

**Grade 10 Expository: (Example of a “Medium” paper)**

**Title: “Reality Television”**

**Topic:** Common fads or trends in music, clothing, and recreation come and go. Choose one fad or trend that is popular now and **explain** why it is popular and if you think its popularity will last.

**SCORES AND COMMENTARY** (Phrases in **bold** are taken from the *Official Writing Scoring Guide*):

**Ideas and Content: 4** **The writing is clear and focused, and the reader can easily understand the main ideas. Supporting details are relevant but somewhat limited** as evident in short body paragraphs, i.e., introducing two kinds of reality television shows but only developing one type with examples.

**Organization: 4** **The organization is clear and coherent, and order and structure are present.** Even though paragraph breaks are present through extra spacing between sentences, the writer should be given credit for their use. The writing is also characterized by a **developed beginning and conclusion** and smooth transitions. Overall, the **organization helps the reader.**

**Voice: 4** **The writer seems committed to the topic, and there is a sense of “writing to be read.”** The writing is characterized by a **suitable level of closeness to the audience** which allows the reader to feel a **sense of interaction** with the writer.

**Word Choice: 4** **Words effectively convey the intended message** about reality television. Although **the writer employs a variety of words that are functional and appropriate to audience and purpose**, they **do not particularly energize the writing** which keeps the score from reaching a 5.

**Sentence Fluency: 4** **The writing flows, and sentence patterns are somewhat varied, contributing to ease in oral reading. The reader can move easily through the piece, but variable control over more complex sentences** keeps the score from a 5.

**Conventions: 4** **The writing demonstrates control of standard conventions. Minor errors, while perhaps noticeable, do not impede readability**, i.e., quotation marks around titles, minor errors in spelling, apostrophes, and internal commas. As a result, there is a **moderate need for editing.**