

NoRedInk Pathways Recommended for Expository Essays

Check the list below for NRI pathways we think would be most helpful for students learning to write expository essays.

Writing Concepts Pathways

Pathway	Part	Will support students with...
Introductory Paragraphs	Parts 2, 3, and 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using a strong hook to start an essay• effectively connecting a hook to a thesis statement• using specific and concise language
Thesis Statements	Parts 2 and 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using concise, clear, and specific language
Topic Sentences	Part 1 (except first topic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using topic sentences that support the thesis and are not redundant• using concise, clear, and specific language
Body Paragraphs: Embedding Evidence	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using and explaining strong evidence• providing strong source information and reporting verbs for evidence• paraphrasing evidence without plagiarizing• knowing when a sentence needs a citation and using the rules of MLA citation• adjusting pronouns and verb tenses in direct quotations to maintain parallelism
Body Paragraphs: Transition Words and Phrases	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using transition words and phrases to effectively link ideas
Conclusion Paragraphs	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• writing a strong restatement of the thesis• writing a strong “So What?” Statement

Grammar & Conventions Pathways

Pathway	Will support students with...
Active and Passive Voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using active voice to make writing more direct and clear
Appositive Phrases	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using appositives to explain ideas, terms, or context
Building Compound and Complex Sentences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• building sentences with varied structures properly
Capitalizing and Formatting Titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• correctly capitalizing titles of literary and film sources (<i>Literary Analysis only</i>)
Commas for Clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using commas to make writing clear
Lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using correct punctuation with items in a series
MLA Citation I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• implementing the rules of MLA for in-text citations
Misplaced and Dangling Modifiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• placing modifiers correctly to create descriptive sentences
Parallel Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintaining parallelism to help writing flow
Restrictive and Nonrestrictive Clauses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• adding description and detail to their writing
Vague Pronouns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• using clear pronouns



Note: We recommend consulting our grade-level filters to determine whether the content of each pathway is appropriately challenging for your students. To do so, from your NRI account, go to “Curriculum.” Click “See all pathways” to get a drop-down menu of filters, and select “Group by grade level.”