


Expository Essay

Write a multi-paragraph four page double-spaced essay on **one** of the following poems: A.J.M. Smith’s “The Lonely Land” or William Stafford’s “Traveling Through the Dark”. Make sure that your essay is word-processed, titled and includes your name. Use correct conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation) and clear word choice. Maintain effective organization throughout the paper by presenting a logical progression of ideas linked together with transitions between sentences and paragraphs. Support your claims with valid reasoning and relevant quotes from the text.

Choose A Topic:

1. What do the words and images of the Canadian landscape tell us about Canadian values and relationships in A.J.M. Smith’s “The Lonely Land”?
2. How does the speaker’s decision and the death of the doe and her fawn imply something about the encroachment of civilization on the natural world in William Stafford’s “Traveling Through the Dark”?

			
	Emerging / Developing	Proficient	Extending
Connections		Creates connections between ideas with a broad and clear understanding.	
Evidence		Evaluates evidence to select a wide range of relevant supporting material.	
Writing & Design		Applies writing and design strategies to organize a progression of ideas.	
Grammar & Punctuation		Revises for grammar and punctuation in a thorough and mostly accurate way.	

Self-Assessment:

Teacher-Assessment: