**Informative (Expository) Essay Rubric**

**Focused Correction Areas (FCA’s) 25% each:**

**The four areas for grading are as follows - each description below is the *minimum* requirement for full credit; points will be deducted for uncorrected errors.**

**Main Ideas:** 25 points – the essay reflects three or more researched ideas related to the topic. Research must come from reputable sources and be properly cited within the essay using parenthetical citation in accordance with MLA format.

**Content:** 25 points – the essay is clearly written, in a concise manner, is easy to understand and is thoroughly explained. There is evidence of an introduction, body, and conclusion. There is no unnecessary repetition, ambiguity, or vague terminology. All questions raised must be answered.

**Conventions:** 25 points – the essay uses all conventions of language in the correct manner, consistently throughout the entire essay. There are no errors in spelling, grammar, usage, or punctuation. Informal English (slang, contractions, or personal pronouns) is not present. MLA format has no errors.

**Quality:** 25 points – the essay is completed in an organized fashion. Great care is evident in the presentation of the work. The essay is submitted on or before the due date assigned.