

High-Performance Writing— Intermediate Expository Writing	Lessons									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Understands that expository writing informs or explains	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Understands that a summary is a paragraph that briefly tells the main points of an article	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Understands that a summary tells the most important information from an article in the writer's own words	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Organizes information in categories	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Uses a graphic organizer to collect information	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Understands that the opening sentence begins an article or a paragraph	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Understands that the main idea is what an article or a paragraph is about	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Uses facts to support the main idea	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Combines ideas in one sentence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Uses a comma to separate items in a list within text	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Understands that the closing sentence summarizes an article or a paragraph	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Understands that words are divided into groups called parts of speech		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Understands that a conjunction is a connecting word		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Understands that <i>and</i> , <i>or</i> , and <i>but</i> are conjunctions		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Understands that a sentence expresses a complete thought		✓				✓				
Understands that a sentence begins with a capital letter		✓								
Understands that a sentence ends with an end mark		✓								
Edits a summary		✓		✓						
Uses a caret to insert text		✓				✓		✓		
Eliminates redundancy		✓		✓	✓	✓				
Uses the proofreading mark for deleting text		✓						✓		
Understands that a noun names a person, a place, or a thing			✓	✓	✓					
Understands that a pronoun takes the place of one or more nouns			✓	✓	✓			✓		
Understands that a personal pronoun refers to people or things			✓	✓	✓			✓		
Understands that a possessive pronoun shows who or what has or owns something			✓	✓	✓			✓		
Understands that an indefinite pronoun doesn't refer to a particular person, place, or thing			✓	✓	✓			✓		
Locates important information in an article			✓							
Understands the need for pronoun-antecedent agreement				✓						
Writes a summary			✓	✓						
Participates in peer editing				✓				✓		✓
Varies the first words of sentences in a paragraph				✓						
Proofreads a summary				✓						
Publishes a summary				✓						
Presents a summary				✓						
Understands that a preposition is a word that relates a noun or a pronoun to another word in a sentence					✓		✓			
Understands that a prepositional phrase begins with a preposition and ends with a noun or a pronoun					✓		✓			
Recognizes <i>for</i> , <i>to</i> , and <i>with</i> as prepositions					✓		✓			
Understands that to compare is to explain how two things are similar					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Understands that to contrast is to explain how two things are different					✓	✓	✓	✓		
Understands and uses a Venn diagram to organize information					✓	✓	✓			
Understands the format for a paragraph that compares and contrasts					✓	✓	✓			
Uses commas to set off appositives						✓				
Indents paragraphs						✓				
Edits a paragraph that compares and contrasts						✓				
Uses <i>both</i> as a conjunction and uses <i>and</i> between the two words or phrases that are joined						✓	✓	✓		
Combines short sentences using a conjunction						✓				
Uses a comma before the conjunction in a compound sentence						✓				

