

ALL ABOARD THE EXPOSITORY TRAIN ©

Expository writing is built (controlled) much like a train.
Horse power engine ignites - inside your brain.
Hear the train a coming, roaring down the tracks.
Who, what, when, where, how, why - keep it to the facts.

The locomotives power is to lead and introduce
Main idea - one, two, three subtopics - then reintroduce.
Set your track, keep focused, start off with a pop.
Attention getters, hook and bait, cream of the crop!

Transitions are important, with trains it's links and pins.
Keeps the train on track and everybody wins.
Transition words and phrases compare, contrast, connect,
Don't forget numerical, cause and effect.

Like cargo cars filled to the brim with valuable resources
Middle paragraphs explains three chosen courses.
Topic sentence, three examples, conclude, please no conniption.
Just facts, examples, explain details and some descriptions.

Round the bend - the red caboose - keep your concentration.
Let's wrap this up - keep focused - it's your final destination.
Review your topic and subtopics in a different new direction.
Fifth paragraph is important - the finale - last impression.

So all aboard this expository train
And don't forget explain, explain, explain.

