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Expository Analysis of, “How to Make a Simple Birthday Cake”

The expository essay about making a simple birthday cake is a good example of the expository style/genre of writing. The author chose to use the process type of expository writing that explains how something is done. I feel that was the best possible choice for the subject the author chose. The first paragraph clearly states the topic of the paragraph which is how to make a birthday cake. Each of the following paragraphs logically explains the process. All the information in each paragraph is relevant and helps the reader understand the process. The last Paragraph of the essay restates the topic and does not include any new information.

I feel the essay could have been improved if the author had used a wider choice of transition words. In the fourth paragraph the words *then* and *next* were used so often that it became monotonous. There are a variety of transition words that could have been used that would have moved the story along more effectively. Since the author chose the “How-to” or process style/genre of expository writing, I feel it was important for the author to not only explain how to put the icing on the cake, but how to make the icing as well. All in all I think this was a good example of a process essay,