

## Essay Rubric

Focus	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Total Points
<b>Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grabbing and creative hook</li> <li>- All background information is relevant and on topic</li> <li>- All main points of the essay clearly introduced</li> <li>- Well organized</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">14-15</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appropriate attempt to include a hook</li> <li>- Most background information is relevant and on topic</li> <li>- Almost all main points of the essay clearly introduced</li> <li>- Organized</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">13</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attempted hook needs improvement</li> <li>- Some background information is relevant and on topic</li> <li>- Many/some main points of the essay clearly introduced</li> <li>- Lacks organization</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">12</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No hook used</li> <li>- Little or no background information is relevant or on topic</li> <li>- Few main points of essay introduced</li> <li>- No organization</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">≤10</div>	____/ 15
<b>Thesis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- thesis is relevant to the prompt, restates all key concepts from essay prompt, and is placed at end of introduction</li> <li>- Thesis is revisited in all body paragraphs and is restated in the conclusion</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">9-10</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- thesis is relevant to the prompt, restates most key concepts from essay prompt, and is placed at end of introduction</li> <li>- Thesis is revisited in two body paragraphs and is restated in the conclusion</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">8</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- thesis is relevant to the prompt, restates some key concepts from essay prompt,</li> <li>- Thesis is restated in one body paragraph and is restated in the conclusion</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">7</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thesis is not relevant to the prompt, restates few key concepts from prompt, not located at the end of the introduction</li> <li>- Thesis is not revisited or restated</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">≤6</div>	____/ 10
<b>Body Paragraphs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All topic sentences clear, and vary in structure from paragraph to paragraph</li> <li>- All transitions in the topic sentences and within the paragraphs are clear</li> <li>- All examples are appropriate and expected; all clearly and fully explained</li> <li>- All textual evidence is correct and relevant to the thesis, with appropriate parenthetical citation</li> <li>- All analysis of evidence presented connects back to thesis</li> <li>- Paragraph appropriately organized</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">36-40</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Almost all topic sentences clear, and have some variety in structure from paragraph to paragraph</li> <li>- Almost all transitions in the topic sentences and within the paragraphs are clear</li> <li>- Almost all examples are appropriate and expected; usually well explained</li> <li>- Most textual evidence is correct and relevant to the thesis, with appropriate parenthetical citation</li> <li>- Almost all analysis of evidence presented connects back to thesis</li> <li>- Paragraph is organized</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">32-35</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many/some topic sentences are clear; little variety in structure from paragraph to paragraph</li> <li>- Many/some transitions in the topic sentences and within the paragraphs are clear</li> <li>- Some examples are appropriate/expected, generally explained</li> <li>- Some textual evidence is correct and relevant, to the thesis, parenthetical citation is attempted</li> <li>- Most/some analysis of evidence presented connects back to thesis</li> <li>- Paragraph is loosely organized</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">28-31</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One topic sentence clear; no variety in structure from paragraph to paragraph</li> <li>- A few transitions in the topic sentence and within the paragraphs are clear</li> <li>- Few/no examples are appropriate/expected, often unexplained</li> <li>- Textual evidence is incorrect or irrelevant, no parenthetical citation</li> <li>- Analysis of evidence presented is weak and does not connect back to thesis</li> <li>- Paragraph is disorganized</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">≤27</div>	____/ 40
<b>Conclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restated thesis with all key concepts from prompt</li> <li>- Main points clearly restated</li> <li>- Well written final thoughts that connect with or expand upon examples from other paragraphs</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">9-10</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restated thesis with almost all key concepts from prompt</li> <li>- Main points restated</li> <li>- Good final thoughts that appropriately connect with the examples from other paragraphs</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">8</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restated thesis with some key concepts from prompt</li> <li>- Main points restated</li> <li>- Appropriate final thoughts but more connections to the other paragraphs in the essay are needed</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">7</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No thesis/copied from introduction paragraph</li> <li>- Some main points restated</li> <li>- Final thoughts need more development</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">≤6</div>	____/ 10

<b>Writing Style</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Varied sentence structure</li> <li>- Variety &amp; richness of word choice</li> <li>- Correct use of formal language</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">14-15</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good sentence structure</li> <li>- Good word choice</li> <li>- Few errors in formal language</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">13</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some breakdowns in sentence structure</li> <li>- Basic word choice</li> <li>- Some errors in formal language</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">12</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loose sentence structure</li> <li>- Simple word choice</li> <li>- Many errors in formal language</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">≤ 10</div>	____/ 15
<b>Spelling and Grammar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- one or two mistakes in spelling</li> <li>- one or two mistakes in grammar usage in the focus area of</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">5</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- three to four spelling mistakes</li> <li>- three to four mistakes in grammar usage in the focus area of</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">4</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- five to six spelling mistakes</li> <li>- five to six mistakes in grammar usage in the focus area of</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">3</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- seven or more spelling mistakes</li> <li>- seven or more mistakes in grammar usage in the focus area of</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">2</div>	____/ 5
<b>Formatting and Deadlines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Correct spacing, font, paragraph structure</li> <li>- Turned in on time</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">5</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A few errors in spacing, font, structure</li> <li>- Turned in on time</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">4</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple spacing, font, structure errors</li> <li>- 1 day late</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">3</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Font, spacing, structure details not apparent</li> <li>- 2 or more days late</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; margin: 0 auto; padding: 2px;">2</div>	____/ 5

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Overall Grade: \_\_\_\_\_/ 100