

Exam 2 - Essay Rubric

Description

This rubric explains the criteria and grading scale for essays.

Criteria	Levels of Achievement		
	Novice	Competent	Proficient
Title Weight 5.00%	0 to 49 % No title.	50 to 79 % Title doesn't fully fit the thesis of the paper.	80 to 100 % Title is engaging and fits the thesis of the paper.
Introduction Weight 20.00%	0 to 49 % Introduction is missing two of the following: 1) a hook 2) a thesis (and theme if required) 3) a list of the points to be discussed in the body paragraphs	50 to 79 % Introduction is missing one of the following: 1) a hook 2) a thesis (and theme if required) 3) a list of points to be discussed in the body paragraphs.	80 to 100 % Introduction included all of the following: 1) a hook 2) a thesis (and theme if required) 3) a list of points to be discussed in the body paragraphs
Body Paragraph Structure Weight 15.00%	0 to 49 % Paragraphs are not organized to fit the type of essay being written: Analysis, Compare and Contrast, Cause and Effect.	50 to 79 % Paragraphs are somewhat organized to fit the type of essay being written: Analysis, Compare and Contrast, Cause and Effect.	80 to 100 % Paragraphs are clearly organized to fit the type of essay being written: Analysis, Compare and Contrast, Cause and Effect.
Main Ideas and Transitions Weight 15.00%	0 to 49 % The paragraphs have no transitions or main idea sentences to provide coherence between points.	50 to 79 % The paragraphs use some transitions and main idea sentences to provide coherence between points.	80 to 100 % The paragraphs all have transitions and main idea sentences to provide coherence between points.
Evidence Weight 20.00%	0 to 49 % Very little evidence present and little explanation of its connection to the thesis/main idea.	50 to 79 % Some evidence is used to support some points made, but not all. There is some explanation of its connection to the thesis/main idea.	80 to 100 % Strong evidence followed by explanations that make the connection to the thesis/main idea.
Conclusio Weight 5.00%	0 to 49 % No conclusion.	50 to 79 %	80 to 100 % Conclusion includes a full recounting of the analysis

		Conclusion supplies a brief summary of the points.	made and how main ideas prove the thesis.
MLA Citations Weight 10.00%	0 to 49 % Citations are not present, not complete, or incorrectly formatted. Poetry, if cited, is not correctly formatted for text. Entries for a Works Cited page inaccurate or not present	50 to 79 % Citations are included but there are some significant formatting errors. Poetry, if cited, may be correctly formatted for text. Entries for Works Cited page present but inaccurate.	80 to 100 % Citations are complete and correctly formatted. Poetry, if cited, is correctly formatted for text. Entries for Works Cited page is correct.
Mechanics/MLA Paper Formatting Weight 10.00%	0 to 49 % There are significant errors in spelling, sentence construction, punctuation, run on sentences, and MLA paper formatting.	50 to 79 % There are some errors in spelling, sentence construction, punctuation, run on sentences, and MLA paper formatting.	80 to 100 % The paper is free of almost all mechanical errors and follows MLA formatting guidelines.