

Academic Essay Rubric

Subject\Title: _____ **Student:** _____

Content: Fully and correctly addresses all parts of the prompt; fulfills given task. Demonstrates effective use of concrete details and/or direct quotes and personal commentary related to thesis.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 x 2 = _____

Organization: Includes an effective introduction that identifies target work(s) and author(s), if necessary, an accurate thesis statement, logical and appropriate-length paragraph divisions with effective topic sentences and signal phrases, transitions, and concluding sentences with a meaningful conclusion. Clearly focused with unity and coherence.

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Control of Language: Demonstrates fluent, stylistic maturity with concise and elevated word choice and appropriate vocabulary suited to target audience; demonstrates appropriate use of historical present. Demonstrates appropriate use of voice and point of view without wordiness and redundancy.

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Sentence Structure: Demonstrates appropriate use of varied sentence structure, including a variety of sentence patterns and types.

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TOTAL = _____

Mechanics: Mastery of mechanics demonstrated—no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or correct language use or MLA format when required; specifically requires the absence of comma splices and fused sentences.

minus 2 points for each error up to ten errors _____ x 2 = _____ = + _____
-represents 20% maximum deduction

Final Grade = _____

EX: $20 - (\frac{7}{\text{\# of errors}} \times 2) = 6$ points added to the cumulative score from above