

ESSAY RUBRIC

Students Name	Period
Score THESIS (2 points)	
2.0	Thesis clearly takes a position on/provides a defensible interpretation in response to the prompt/ no generalized comment
0.0	The intended thesis provides a summary of the issue with no apparent or coherent thesis – or – the thesis does not respond to the prompt
Score EVIDENCE AND COMMENTARY (8 points)	
8.0	Provides specific evidence to support all claims in a line of reasoning <i>NOTE: Grammatical or mechanical errors that interfere with communication cannot earn this point</i>
7.0	Explains how some of the evidence supports a line of reasoning
6.0	Explains how some of the evidence relates to the argument, but no line of reasoning is established, or the line of reasoning is faulty
5.0	Summarizes the evidence but does not explain how the evidence supports the argument
4.0	Simply restates thesis (if present) OR repeats provided information or offers information irrelevant to the prompt
	TOTAL SCORE

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