

Essay Grading Rubric
100 Points

Introduction	10-9 pts.	9-8 pts.	8-7 pts.	7-6 pts.	
How is your hook?	Excellent hook.	Good solid hook.	Basic formulaic hook.	Not a very good hook.	
How is your transition statement and thesis statement?	Smooth, creative and complete transition; clear and relevant thesis statement	Smooth and complete transition; clear and relevant thesis statement	A little abrupt but complete transition; clear and relevant thesis statement	Not a complete transition; unclear and irrelevant thesis statement	X 2
Did you include the author name and title of book?	Yes to both	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	One out of two	
How is your preview of the body paragraphs?	Excellent preview of what will be in the body paragraphs	Good preview of what will be in the body paragraphs	General preview of what will be in the body paragraphs	Very little preview of what will be in the body paragraphs	
How is your concluding/transition sentence?	Very interesting; great job looking at the bigger picture	good job looking at the bigger picture	basic job looking at the bigger picture	Not a good job looking at the bigger picture	

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Body paragraphs	10-9 pts.	9-8 pts.	8-7 pts.	7-6 pts.	
<p>Is the information accurate?</p> <p>Are the sentences in each paragraph organized well? Written well?</p> <p>How good are the examples? How about the analysis?</p> <p>Are the details good, and enough? Do they connect with the theme?</p>	<p>Completely accurate</p> <p>Organized and well-written</p> <p>Excellent examples; Excellent analysis</p> <p>Many good details; Great connections with the theme</p>	<p>Minor errors</p> <p>Organized and adequately written</p> <p>Good examples; Good analysis</p> <p>Some good details; Good connections with the theme</p>	<p>One significant error</p> <p>Lacking some organization, adequately written</p> <p>Adequate examples; Adequate analysis</p> <p>A few good details; Loose connections with the theme</p>	<p>Several significant errors</p> <p>Disorganized, poorly written</p> <p>Poor examples; Poor analysis</p> <p>Very few details; Connections with the theme not clear</p>	X3
How good is the order and flow of paragraphs	Excellent between and within paragraphs	Good between and within paragraphs	Fair between and within paragraphs	Poor between and within paragraphs	
<p>Does the conclusion summarize the essay? Does it remind the readers of the stated theme? Does it leave an interesting observation, thought, question?</p>	<p>Detailed summary of the essay. Reminds reader of the stated theme. Leaves something quite interesting for the reader.</p>	<p>Good Summary of the essay. Reminds reader of the stated theme. Leaves something fairly interesting for the reader.</p>	<p>Adequate Summary of the essay. Reminds reader of the stated theme. Leaves something basic for the reader</p>	<p>Summary is inadequate. No reminder of the stated theme. Leaves nothing of note for the reader</p>	X2
Formal rules of writing: Spelling, capitalization, punctuation etc.	No mistakes	One to four mistakes	Five to eight mistakes	Nine or more mistakes	
Completion	On time, nothing omitted	On time, something omitted	Not on time, nothing omitted	Not on time, something omitted	