

9 Point Essay Rubric

- 7 - 9**
- Introduction moves from general to specific, shows understanding of the complexity of the topic.
 - Strong thesis, clearly developed, analytical, and focused on the prompt.
 - Each paragraph is properly written with a strong topic sentence that supports the thesis and with substantial relevant quotes from the work.
 - Quotes are set naturally into the narrative in all paragraphs.
 - Commentary analyzes and interprets and does *not* summarize.
 - Conclusion reviews the major points of evidence and the thesis.
 - Is written in 3rd person and will contain few grammar and/or spelling errors.
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- 5 - 6**
- Introduction may contain "empty" sentences that chatter rather than actually introduce, may be disorganized.
 - Contains a thesis that is vague or unfocused, one that may not clearly address the prompt.
 - Quotes from the work, but the quotes may not actually fit the point being made and may be improperly set into the narrative of the essay
 - Some commentary, though analysis will be light, mostly describes or summarizes.
 - Conclusion may fail to review major points of evidence and the thesis.
 - Errors in sentence structure, informal voice, spelling, and/or grammar will be more serious and detract from the essay.
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- 2 - 4**
- Introduction may be short, incomplete, or may fail to properly introduce the material.
 - Thesis will be simple, may merely mention parts of the prompt without addressing it.
 - Paragraphs are simple and undeveloped, lacking strong topic sentences and may be short and lacking commentary.
 - Quotes are merely mentioned, are poorly chosen, or are missing.
 - No analysis in body paragraphs; conclusion may be very short and incomplete.
 - Will have major spelling and/or grammatical errors; may be written in 1st or 2nd person voice.
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- Incompetent, inappropriate response.
 - May paraphrase the prompt.
 - Little understanding of the prompt.
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20 point assignment

20	9 = 100% A
18.4	8 = 92% A-
17.2	7 = 86% B
16.4	6 = 82% B-
15.2	5 = 76% C
14.4	4 = 72% C-
13.2	3 = 66% D
12.4	2 = 62% D-
11.2	1 = 56% F
0	0 = 0%