

Essay Rubric

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Title & Introduction	<p style="text-align: center;">Hello!</p> <p>Title is original, clever and hints at the topic of the essay. Hook is powerful and connects to the main idea. Clear introduction of literature and author.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Umm...hi!</p> <p>Title is appropriate. Hook connects to the main idea of the essay. Introduction of literature and author is present.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shy wave</p> <p>Title could use some help. Hook is awkward or is not connected to the thesis with little or no mention of author and/or literature.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cowering in the corner</p> <p>Title is missing, unclear or completely off-topic. Hook is missing or unclear. Introduction of author and/or literature is missing completely.</p>
Thesis Statement	<p style="text-align: center;">Healthy heart!</p> <p>Thesis is clear, integrated and insightful.</p>			
Topic Sentences	<p style="text-align: center;">Full sail ahead!</p> <p>Topic sentences are narrow, focused and contain assertions with clear significance to the thesis statement.</p>			
Evidence	<p style="text-align: center;">Beautiful gems!</p> <p>Quotes are well-chosen, specific and sparkling. Introduced and incorporated smoothly with proper citation.</p>			
Analysis	<p style="text-align: center;">It's electrifying!</p> <p>Analysis is in-depth and thoughtful. Interpretation is clear, original and connected to the thesis.</p>			
Conclusion	<p style="text-align: center;">Double knot</p> <p>Conclusion skillfully restates thesis and wraps things up.</p>			
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Organization & Formatting	<p style="text-align: center;">Clear Skies!</p> <p>Essay is logically developed and does not stray from the topic. All elements of a quality essay</p>			

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	are present and skillfully used.			
Mechanics & Grammar	A well-oiled machine! Few, if any, misspellings or typos. Grammar and punctuation is (nearly) perfect. Consistent use of present tense and active verbs.			
Style & Voice	Beautiful music! Transitions are skillfully used, clearly connect ideas and contribute to the flow of the essay. Sentences are smooth and eloquent and vary structurally.			
Diction & Appropriate Vocabulary	Professional! Use of vivid, precise and powerful language enhances essay's overall quality. No thesaurus abuse present.			

Name: _____ Total Score: _____

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