

Essay Rubric

Thesis Development and Organization - 20 points

Paper contains a clear thesis that directly addresses the prompt. The content clearly builds and expands upon the claim. The paper is highly organized with multiple properly developed paragraphs.

Critical Thinking and Evidence - 35 points

Paper's content reveals critical thinking about the subject matter, and provides concrete evidence from the required number of credible sources that supports the thesis. Evidence is well situated and appropriately paraphrased or quoted. The paper is of the required length.

Personal and Course Connection - 15 points

Paper makes clear and persuasive connections between thesis, evidence provided, and course content and/or personal experience.

Creativity - 15 points

Paper contains an appropriate and compelling introduction and a satisfying conclusion. The conclusion does not repeat the main points of the paper, but rather synthesizes or evaluates the overall concept.

Mechanics - 15 points

Proper citation formatting has been observed throughout the paper, along with academic English, appropriate grammar and mechanics.