Essay Rubric

Criteria	Ratings					Pts
Format	**5.0 pts** **Full Points** Student formatted paper correctly: double-spaced; 12 or 14 pt; Times New Roman, Arial, or Verdana font; one-inch margins on all sides; paragraphs indented one-half inch.	**3.0 pts** **Partial Points** Student formatted paper with some mistakes.	**0.0 pts** **No Points** Student formatted paper with several mistakes.			**5.0 pts**
Organization	**15.0 pts** **Full Points** Organized effectively according to guidelines (opening paragraph, body paragraph, closing paragraph).	**10.0 pts** **Partial Points** Organized basically according to guidelines (opening paragraph, body paragraph, closing paragraph).	**5.0 pts** **Partial Points** Organized vaguely according to guidelines (opening paragraph, body paragraph, closing paragraph).	**0.0 pts** **No Points** Organized poorly according to guidelines (opening paragraph, body paragraph, closing paragraph).		**15.0 pts**
Thesis	**10.0 pts** **Full Points** Thesis statement correctly placed (end of opening paragraph, beginning of closing paragraph). Thesis statement correctly and clearly represents the content and order of the essay.	**7.0 pts** **Partial Points** Thesis statement correctly placed (end of opening paragraph, beginning of closing paragraph). Thesis statement incorrectly and/or unclearly represents the content and order of the essay.	**4.0 pts** **Partial Points** Thesis statement incorrectly placed and/or missing from one of the required places (end of opening paragraph, beginning of closing paragraph). Thesis statement does not represent the content and order of the essay.	**0.0 pts** **No Points** Thesis statement not effectively included.		**10.0 pts**
Transitions	**10.0 pts** **Full Points** Appropriate and effective transitions are used between thoughts and paragraphs.	**7.0 pts** **Partial Points** General transitions are used between thoughts and paragraphs.	**4.0 pts** **Partial Points** Few and vague transitions used between thoughts and paragraphs.	**0.0 pts** **No Points** Inappropriate and/or missing transitions between thoughts and paragraphs.		**10.0 pts**
Opening Paragraph	**10.0 pts** **Full Points** Opening paragraph introduces topic excellently. Interesting and effective hook. Word choice and sentence structure are rich and varied.	**7.0 pts** **Partial Points** Opening paragraph introduces topic well. Adequate hook. Word choice and sentence structure are adequate and somewhat varied.	**4.0 pts** **Partial Points** Opening paragraph introduces topic poorly. Ineffective hook. Word choice and sentence structure are basic and lack variety.	**0.0 pts** **No Points** Opening paragraph does not introduce topic. Missing hook. Word choice is vague, and sentences are simple and fragmented.		**10.0 pts**
Body Paragraphs	**25.0 pts** **Full Points** Body paragraphs contain detailed support and examples. Support and examples are presented in an excellent manner. Word choice and sentence structure are rich and varied.	**20.0 pts** **Partial Points** Body paragraphs contain general support and examples. Support and examples are presented in a suitable manner. Word choice and sentence structure are well-chosen and somewhat varied.	**15.0 pts** **Partial Points** Body paragraphs contain adequate support and examples. Support and examples are presented in an average manner. Word choice and sentence structure are adequate and somewhat varied.	**10.0 pts** **Partial Points** Body paragraphs contain poor support and examples. Support and examples are presented in an ineffective manner. Word choice and sentence structure are basic and lack variety.	**0.0 pts** **No Points** Body paragraphs do not contain support and examples. Word choice is vague, and sentences are simple and fragmented.	**25.0 pts**
Closing Paragraph	**10.0 pts** **Full Points** Closing paragraph brings essay to a close excellently. Word choice and sentence structure are rich and varied.	**7.0 pts** **Partial Points** Closing paragraph brings essay to a close well. Word choice and sentence structure are adequate and somewhat varied.	**4.0 pts** **Partial Points** Closing paragraph brings essay to a close poorly. Word choice and sentence structure are basic and lack variety.	**0.0 pts** **No Points** Closing paragraph does not brings essay to a close. Word choice is vague, and sentences are simple and fragmented.		**10.0 pts**

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Mechanics	**10.0 pts** **Full Points** Contains few, if any, errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling).		**5.0 pts** **Partial Points** Contains some errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling).		**0.0 pts** **No Points** Contains several errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling).		**10.0 pts**
Information Included	**5.0 pts** **Full Points** Student included name, EIW level, lesson, and date of submission.			**0.0 pts** **No Points** Student did not include name, EIW level, lesson, and date of submission.			**5.0 pts**
							Total Points: 100.0