



Essay Rubric

Name: _____

Teacher Comments	Student Self-Assessment
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Criteria for Evaluation	Level 1 Value ___	Level 2 Value ___	Level 3 Value ___	Level 4 Value ___	
Content	Lacks a central theme.	Writer's purpose is hard to understand.	Central idea relates to the topic	Clearly articulated central idea that relates to the topic.	
Organization	Lacks clear organizational planning; confuses reader.	Minimally acceptable organizational plan; difficult to follow.	Acceptable organization of information.	Information is well-organized and follows logical plan.	
Development	No supporting details.	Limited supporting details.	Above average use of supporting details.	Well-developed with many specific details.	
Use of Language	Limited vocabulary usage.	Ordinary vocabulary usage.	Above average vocabulary	Sophisticated vocabulary usage.	
Grammar	Extensive punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors.	Many punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors.	Minimal punctuation, capitalization, and spelling errors.	No errors in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	
Legibility	Unacceptable legibility.	Minimally acceptable legibility.	Acceptable level of legibility.	High quality legibility.	
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