



**SHORT ESSAY RUBRIC**

<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Superior</b>	<b>Better</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Needs Work</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Content</b></p> <p>This rating is concerned with content in terms of quality and relevance to assigned task.</p>	<p>The writer provides a variety of types of content appropriate for the task, such as generalizations, details, examples, comparisons &amp; contrasts. 5 pts.</p>	<p>The writer provides enough content to meet the requirements of the task, but lacks detail compared to someone who pursued originality. 4 pts.</p>	<p>The writer provides some elements of detail, but misses having full content by omission or lack of details. 3 pts.</p>	<p>The writer has little content to meet the requirements of the task. The writer wanders off the topic. 2 pt.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Voice</b></p> <p>Voice is the tone the writer uses. E.g.: Factual for news story, emotional for love letter, persuasive, etc.</p>	<p>Voice fits the task perfectly and reinforces content. Choice of words are perfect for the voice used. 4 pts</p>	<p>Voice is well established but could use better word choice or more specific tone to totally reflect content. 3 pts</p>	<p>Voice is unsure and needs improved word choices, stronger adjectives and adverbs. 2 pts</p>	<p>Fails to establish a focused voice. Tone and word choice offer little voice flavor. Writing is starving for adjectives and adverbs. 1 pt.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conventions</b></p> <p>Rating reflects mastery of grammar (tense &amp; sentence structure), punctuation, and spelling..</p>	<p>No more than 1 spelling error. No more than 1 grammar error. No more than one punctuation error. Sentences flow &amp; paragraphs well organized. 4 pts.</p>	<p>No more than 2 errors in spelling. No more than 2 grammar errors. No more than 2 punctuation errors. Sentence flow and paragraphs show better organization. 3 pts.</p>	<p>No more than 3 spelling errors. No more than 3 grammar errors. No more than 3 punctuation errors. Sentence flow &amp; paragraphs show average organization. 2 pts.</p>	<p>More than 3 errors in spelling. More than 3 grammar errors. More than 3 punctuations errors. Choppy sentences and paragraphs not organized. 1 pt.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organization</b></p> <p>Content is logically organized. Reader can follow writer's ideas and sees how conclusion is reached.</p>	<p>Information is logical and organized. Writer shows ideal logic flow, which reader can follow. 4 pts.</p>	<p>Ideas mostly flow, but some tweaking needed. Reader can follow flow, but parts of paper not focused. 3 pts</p>	<p>Ideas mostly flow, but some tweaking needed. Reader can follow flow, but sometimes ideas not orderly. 2 pts</p>	<p>Logic hard to follow and reader has to read sections over to attempt full understanding. Conclusion vague. Content missing many details. 1 pt.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Format</b></p> <p>Paper double spaced. 12 point Times, or clean handwriting.</p>	<p>Exceeded or fully followed teacher's requirements. 4 pts</p>	<p>One error in format rules. 3 pts.</p>	<p>Two format errors. 2 pts.</p>	<p>Three or more errors in format. Student shows little effort in following directions. 1 pt.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effort</b></p> <p>Sincere effort shown.</p>	<p>Time and effort above all requirements. 5 pts</p>	<p>Serious effort and time shown. 3 pts.</p>	<p>Lenght and effort meet expectations. 2 pts.</p>	<p>Assignment shows little effort expended. 1 pts.</p>	

**Comments:**

(Non-participation = 0 pts.) **Total Points** \_\_\_\_\_

26 points possible