

Essay				
	4 Excellent	3 Good	2 Fair	1 Needs Work
Content	<p>The content of the essay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is accurate • Supports a point of view • Uses examples to support the thesis 	<p>The content of the essay contains two of the three requirements (see previous box).</p>	<p>The content of the essay contains one of the three requirements (see first box).</p>	<p>The content of the essay contains none of the three requirements (see first box).</p>
Organization	<p>The essay has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction • Key points presented in a logical order • A conclusion 	<p>The essay has at least two of the three components for good organization (see previous box).</p>	<p>The essay has one of the three components for good organization (see first box).</p>	<p>The essay contains none of the necessary components for good organization (see first box).</p>
Conventions	<p>The author has correctly used standard writing conventions: (i.e., spelling, punctuation, capitalization, grammar, usage, paragraphing) effectively to enhance readability. Errors tend to be so few that just minor touchups would get this piece ready to publish.</p>	<p>The author has used most standard writing conventions. Much of the essay is readable and without mistakes.</p>	<p>The author has used a limited range of standard writing conventions. These errors may be distracting and impair readability.</p>	<p>The author has struggled with a limited vocabulary, searching for words to convey meaning. There are many mistakes of spelling, punctuation, grammar, capitalization or paragraphing.</p>
Originality	<p>The essay shows original thought, innovativeness, and passion.</p>	<p>The essay shows that the writer has thought about this issue and has done some original thinking .</p>	<p>The essay shows some thought about this issue but not original thinking.</p>	<p>The essay is comprised of facts but not original thought.</p>