

The following Rubric will be used as a tool for judging Essays.

Features	4 Expert	3 Accomplished	2 Capable	1 Beginner	SCORE
Quality of Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Piece was written in an extraordinary style and voice; -Very Informative and well organized; -Creative and Accurate Verbs and Nouns; -Striking Words and Phrases; -Polished Rhythm and flow; - Sentences enhance meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Piece was written in an interesting style and voice; -Somewhat Informative and organized; - Effective and Accurate Verbs and Nouns; - Words and Phrases work well; - Sentences well crafted; - Relatively easy flow and rhythm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Piece had little style or voice; -Gives some new information, but poorly organized; - Generally Correct Verbs and Nouns; - Words and Phrases generally convey meaning; - Satisfactory but simple sentences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Piece has no style or voice; -Gives no new information and is poorly organized; - Vocabulary is limited; -Simple words used incorrectly and/or do not convey meaning; - Choppy, rambling or incomplete sentences 	
Grammar, Usage & Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Virtually no spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few spelling and punctuation errors, minor grammatical errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of spelling and punctuation, or grammatical errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> So many spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors that it interferes with the meaning 	
Creativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Original, clever approach to topic; -Insightful viewpoint. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New way of thinking attempted; somewhat original approach to topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details present but not precise; leaves unanswered questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited information; vague details; Random thoughts 	