

## Essay Writing Rubric

<b>POINTS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Purpose of Assignment</b>	Mastered the new skill completely	Demonstrated the new skill	Shows some understanding of the new skill	Did not understand the new skill	Completely failed to apply the new skill
<b>Organized outline approved before the first draft</b>	Excellent organization	Effort to organize is apparent	Some organization	Minimal organization	No organization
<b>Original Ideas</b>	Interesting content with a fresh perspective	Communicates information well	Basic information is conveyed	Ideas are below the expected level	No thought given to the content
<b>Paragraph Development</b>	Every paragraph has a topic (stated or inferred)	Paragraphs are logical and complete	Writing is presented in paragraphs	Few paragraphs or the division of paragraphs does not help communicate.	No paragraphs
<b>Words are Clear Not awkward</b>	Sentences flow together well	It is easy to understand the sentences & meaning	Occasional awkward sentences	A number of awkward sentences	Many sentences are hard to understand
<b>Interesting phrases hold attention</b>	Uses figures of speech, action words, dialogue, quotes, synonyms, etc. Much variety in types of sentences	An attempt at using larger vocabulary and figures of speech apparent	Vocabulary is basic	Vocabulary is less than expected. Sentences structure is all the same.	No effort to use words effectively.
<b>Complete Sentences</b> No fragments or run-on sentences	Less than one incorrect sentence per page	One or more incorrect sentences per page	Two or more incorrect sentences per page	Four or more incorrect sentences per page	Six or more incomplete sentences per page
<b>Spelling</b>	Less than one error per page	One or more errors per page	Two or more errors per page	Four or more errors per page	Six or more errors per page
<b>Punctuation</b>	Less than one error per page	One or more errors per page	Two or more errors per page	Four or more errors per page	Six or more errors per page
<b>Paper Submitted On Time</b>	Submitted on time. Took responsibility to stay on schedule with minimal reminders.	Submitted at the last minute. Needed reminders to stay on schedule.	Needed frequent reminders and assistance to get it submitted at the last minute.	One day late	Two days late 0 points if three days late.