

SCORING RUBRIC FOR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTIONS

The essay rubric is a guideline – each essay answer is worth a maximum of 10 points. Please use this when you score every essay. This will keep your scores consistent for all the students.

| 10 Points - Exceptional | 5 Points – Good | 1 Point – Average | 0 Points – Does NOT Meet Expectations |
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| Answers questions with a strong central focus | Clear focus | Inconsistent or meandering focus | Does not answer the question |
| Exhibits personal passion | Reveals character | Underdeveloped voice (character) | There is little development of topic; short answers |
| Establishes a definite point | A sense of audience is clear | Point of view is unclear | Point of view is confusing |
| Sentences are clear and varied; uses appropriate vocabulary | Uses appropriate details with clear and correct sentence structure | Frequent shifts in tense and person | Writer appears not to care to communicate their message |
| Minimal mechanical errors; uses complete sentences – EXCELLENT content | Few mechanical errors – GOOD content | Mechanical errors interfere with understanding: incomplete sentences, using slang, texting, incorrect punctuation, little proofreading | Mechanical errors are abundant and interfere with understanding: incomplete sentences, using slang, texting, no punctuation, no proofreading |