

ESSAY GRADING SHEET

	Grade	Comments
Introduction (20%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States a topic and problem within the assignment Ends with a definite thesis statement (a specific opinion that can be disagreed with) Thesis gives insight into the assignment prompt 	/5	
Organization (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main body organized in 3 sections, each addressing a different aspect of the thesis and building support for it Each section is driven by a specific, concrete assertion Each section is self-contained and focused on its topic 	/5	
Analysis (25%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpretation dominates over description (why over what) Analysis prefers the specific to the general Analysis provides insight on the relevant time and culture Analysis supports the section assertions and overall thesis Analysis provides in-depth answers to questions in prompt 	/5	
Evidence (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence used is relevant and well-chosen Assertions are consistently supported by evidence Independent voice retained with judicious use of quotes 	/5	
Conclusion (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper ends with an appropriate concluding paragraph Conclusion draws together the arguments made in each section and reinforces the thesis Conclusion answers questions from assignment prompt 	/5	
Base Grade (before deductions)		

Reversible Deductions

<input type="checkbox"/> No cover sheet	-3
<input type="checkbox"/> No page numbers	-2
<input type="checkbox"/> Line spacing, margins, other formatting	-5 to -10
<input type="checkbox"/> Work titles not italicized/capitalized	-2
<input type="checkbox"/> Missing items in bibliography	-4
<input type="checkbox"/> No bibliography	-8
<input type="checkbox"/> Citations missing	-5 to -20

If you have one of these, **you may resubmit** your paper with these problems fixed, and I will modify or remove the deductions. Only these deductions can be reversed.

Nonreversible Deductions

<input type="checkbox"/> Paper submitted late	-5 to -30
<input type="checkbox"/> Too short	-5 to -10
<input type="checkbox"/> Fewer sources than required	-10 to -20
<input type="checkbox"/> Tertiary sources used/heavily used	-10 to -25
<input type="checkbox"/> Plagiarism	-100

These deductions reflect problems inherent to the paper as it was submitted. They cannot be reversed.

Grade