

Essay Rubric

	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points	4 Points	5 Points
Thesis Statement	No thesis statement.	Thesis statement contains main idea.	Thesis statement contains main idea and an opinion.	Thesis statement contains main idea, an opinion and at least 2 examples.	Thesis statement contains main idea, opinion, and 3 examples.
Specific Supporting Examples	No examples given	1 or more examples used. Examples are not well chosen	2 or more examples used. At least 1 of the examples are not well chosen	3 or more examples used. 2 of the examples are well chosen.	3 or more examples used. Examples are all very well chosen
Understanding/Explanation of Examples and Information	There is no explanation of examples. Essay does not show understanding at all.	There is some attempt to explain examples. There are still some misunderstandings	The answer is explained with no misunderstandings. The answer is a surface answer. Answer is simply what was said in class and shows no additional understanding from student	The answer is explained with no misunderstandings. The answer is mostly a surface answer. Answer is partially what was said in class but shows some additional understanding from student	The answer is explained with no misunderstandings. The answer is not a surface answer. Answer is insightful and goes beyond what was said in class. Answer shows additional understanding from student
General Knowledge of Subject	Entire essay is full of factual errors.	Many errors are present. Minor information is correct.	Essay has few errors. Most information is correct.	All important information is correct. Errors are minor only.	There are no factual errors present in essay.