

English Essay Rubric						
Criteria	Ratings					Pts
Content/Development	20 to >17.0 pts Distinguished Ideas are developed in a superior manner through facts, examples, explanation, and details	17 to >15.0 pts Proficient Essay has a specific central idea that is developed. Lack of details present at times.	15 to >13.0 pts Developing Continuity and flow lacking; Errors in information.	13 to >11.0 pts Minimal Unable to find supporting details to expand meaning.	11 to >0 pts Absent Content is inaccurate and/or greatly lacking detail.	20 pts
Evidence	20 to >17.0 pts Distinguished Relevant and important sources systematically utilized and integrated; evidence clearly supports points.	17 to >15.0 pts Proficient Evidence is provided, including support for all major points. Minor omissions and errors in source documentation.	15 to >13.0 pts Developing Uneven in how often evidence supports fact-based statements.	13 to >11.0 pts Minimal Limited use of evidence for positions or poor sources selected. Errors in documentation of sources.	11 to >0 pts Absent Fails to provide evidence for positions. Lacks proper documentation of sources.	20 pts
Writing/Style	20 to >17.0 pts Distinguished Precise use of vocabulary and sentence structure to convey the author's tone and purpose.	17 to >15.0 pts Proficient Vivid language and sentence structure to create central theme. Some minor errors present at times in the essay.	15 to >13.0 pts Developing Adequate use of wording and sentence structure. Lacks clarity of author's purpose at times.	13 to >11.0 pts Minimal Limited variety of word choices and sentence diversification.	11 to >0 pts Absent Minimal variety in word choices and sentence control.	20 pts
Conventions	20 to >17.0 pts Distinguished Evident control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation.	17 to >15.0 pts Proficient Evident control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation. Minor grammatical errors at times.	15 to >13.0 pts Developing Paragraph breaks that are irregular or too frequent to provide clear, cohesive development.	13 to >11.0 pts Minimal Errors in grammar and usage that interfere with the meaning and readability of the essay. A need for extensive editing.	11 to >0 pts Absent Minimal control of grammar, mechanics, spelling, usage, and sentence formation. Major editing required.	20 pts

Follows Prompt	20 to >17.0 pts Distinguished Fully addresses all elements in the prompt. Conveys the theme of the prompt with sophisticated flair.	17 to >15.0 pts Proficient Addresses nearly all aspects of the prompt in an effective manner.	15 to >13.0 pts Developing Addresses some points of the prompt, but omits some key elements.	13 to >11.0 pts Minimal Significant problems with addressing prompt.	11 to >0 pts Absent Prompt is not addressed.	20 pts
Total Points: 100						