

Exploratory Essay Rubric

Criteria		Ratings				Pts
Followed basic outline from page 35 of textbook	4.0 pts Used the outline from the book as required	2.0 pts Vaguely referenced the outline from the textbook		0.0 pts Did not use the textbook's outline		4.0 pts
	Write with clarity for easy understanding	6.0 pts Writing was clear	4.0 pts Writing had some confusing parts, but generally made sense	0.0 pts Writing was disorganized and confusing to read		6.0 pts
Show evolution of thinking on the issue	6.0 pts Writer displayed their own process of discovery and suggested forward thinking by end	3.0 pts Writing displayed some progression of thought, but lacked direction at the end		0.0 pts Writer had already made a decision on the topic and had no progression of thought		6.0 pts
Use at least three outside sources	6.0 pts Used three sources	4.0 pts Used two sources	2.0 pts Used one source	0.0 pts Used no outside sources		6.0 pts
	Used MLA formatting	3.0 pts A valiant attempt at MLA formatting was shown		0.0 pts No Marks		3.0 pts
Used MLA citations and attributive tags for all research	3.0 pts Writing demonstrated a basic understanding of MLA citations and recognizing outside research	0.0 pts MLA was not used and research was included without any recognition of the source				3.0 pts
	Grammar and mechanics	2.0 pts The mechanics did not distract from the essay	0.0 pts The mechanical errors made reading more difficult and distracted from the overall writing			

Total Points: 30.0