

Grading will be done via the following rubric:

Content (60 points): Do you have three main points? Are your main points discussed in sufficient detail using examples and illustrations? Does your essay answer the prompt? Is your content muddled by your mechanics? Do you effectively prove your thesis? Do your examples correspond with your thesis?

Excellent development, with full sufficient detail: 60 points

One paragraph underdeveloped: 55 points

Two paragraphs underdeveloped: 50 points

Three paragraphs underdeveloped: 40 points

Missing a body paragraph: -10 points

Failure to prove thesis: -5 points

Weak Conclusion: -5 points

Organization (20 points): Does your essay follow the five-paragraph structure? Do you effectively use transitions between body paragraphs and related ideas within a paragraph? Does the order of your paragraphs make sense? Does each body paragraph start with an effective topic sentence? Does each body paragraph follow the five step set-up for a body paragraph?

The breakdown is as follows:

Clear thesis: 5 points.

Five paragraph organization: 5 points

Proper topic sentences: 5 points (1 per paragraph)

Logical organization: 5 points

Grammar and Mechanics (20 points): For this section, you will lose one point for each of the following errors:

Unclear sentence, awkward sentence, comma splice, run-on, fragment, subject-verb agreement error, number agreement error, pronoun misuse, word choice error, misspelling common words, and misuse of punctuation.

If the number of errors exceeds twenty, points will be deducted from the content section. If an error occurs that is not listed here, other than spelling of uncommon words and missing punctuation, you will be deducted a point.

TOTAL: 100 points