Entry Number: _____________

Entry Score: _____________

Use the checklist below to score the essay from a 1-9.

High Range Essays 9-8

___ Effectively proves thesis statement about a far-reaching topic
___ Purposefully utilizes a variety of research with a focus on primary sources
___ Is clear, well organized, and coherent
___ Concrete details (quotes, paraphrases, and summaries) are effectively incorporated
___ Includes ample commentary that bolsters concrete details
___ Contains very few errors or flaws, if any
___ Parenthetical citations are effectively utilized that refer to an accurate Works Cited page
  • A 8 and 9 paper have a mature, sophisticated writing style rarely seen in a 7 paper

Middle Range Essays 7-6-5

___ Adequately proves thesis about a far-reaching topic
___ A variety of research is incorporated and/or attempted including primary sources
___ The argument is generally convincing but less cogent or developed; 5 essays may be somewhat weak
___ Concrete details (quotes, paraphrases, and summaries) are incorporated
___ Includes sufficient commentary that supports ideas in concrete details
___ Contains only minor errors or flaws
___ Citations are mostly accurate that refer to an attempted Works Cited page
  • A 7 paper demonstrates a more consistent command of writing conventions than does the 5 or 6 paper.
  • A 5 paper does the minimum required by the assignment. It often loses focus and includes unnecessary details.

Low Range Essays 4-3-2-1

___ Inadequately attempts to prove thesis; topic might not be far-reaching
___ Researched material is lacking in variety and/or primary source material
___ Writing demonstrates consistent weaknesses such as a lack of organization, awkward sentences, and word choice
___ Concrete details (quotes, paraphrases, and summaries) are either excessively used or mostly absent
___ Commentary about research material is lacking.
___ Contains multiple errors that might hinder understanding of essay
___ Multiple problems exist surrounding parenthetical citations and Works Cited page (example: a majority of the citations and/or Works Cited page is missing)
  • A 3 or 4 have a major error preventing this essay from being adequate.
  • A 1 or 2 indicates major lack of understanding and control. It may also indicate severe writing problems.