

Rating Scale for Essays

Requirements	Score	Comments
Introductory paragraph with clearly-stated argument (thesis) which is your well-considered personal point of view on an academic topic	5 4 3 2 1	
3 supporting paragraphs which contain specific details and persuasive evidence that support the argument	5 4 3 2 1	
Demonstration of clear understanding of main concepts	5 4 3 2 1	
Effort to find connections, show relationships, explore similarities and differences, and/or compare and contrast	5 4 3 2 1	
Use of varied sentence structure including subordinated phrases and clauses	5 4 3 2 1	
Transition words between paragraphs	5 4 3 2 1	
Information cited from class E-text and website readings is in quotation marks	5 4 3 2 1	
Conclusion restates main point and summarizes highlights of thesis	5 4 3 2 1	
Handed in on time	5 4 3 2 1	
Minimal spelling or grammatical errors	5 4 3 2 1	

Total points _____