

Essay Rubric

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Introductory	Main idea sentence is clear, correctly placed, and restated in the closing sentence. Your three supporting ideas are briefly mentioned.	Main idea statement/topic idea sentence is either unclear or incorrectly placed, and it's restated in the closing sentence. Your three supporting ideas are briefly mentioned.	Main idea statement/topic idea sentence is unclear and incorrectly placed. It's restated in the closing sentence. One of your supporting ideas is briefly mentioned.	Main idea statement/topic idea sentence is unclear and incorrectly placed, and it's not restated in the closing sentence. Your supporting ideas are not mentioned. Supporting Detail	
Paragraphs	Each paragraph has a topic sentence and three or more supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea. Specific examples are given.	Each paragraph has a topic sentence and two supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea. Specific examples are given.	Each paragraph has a topic sentence and one or two supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea. No specific examples are given.	Paragraphs have no supporting detail sentences that relate back to the main idea. Topic sentences are unclear. No examples are given.	
Grammar	No grammar errors	Some minor grammar errors	Multiple grammar errors	Major/multiple grammar errors.	
Spelling	0-1 words misspelled.	2-3 words misspelled	4-5 spelling errors	Numerous spelling errors	
Vocabulary	Vocabulary/word choice is impressive.	Vocabulary/word choice is impressive. All words are used appropriately.	Vocabulary/word choice is adequate, but could be improved.	Vocabulary/word choice is clearly limited, affecting written communication. Some words are used inappropriately.	
Citation	Both resources were cited extensively	Both resources were cited moderately	One resource was cited	No resources were cited	
Sources	Identified all sources and made references to them	Identified some sources and made references to them	Identified sources but made no references to them	No sources were identified	
				Total 28 points possible	

