



Missouri Seal of Biliteracy Sociocultural Competence Essay Rubric

DOUBLE SPACE YOUR ESSAY

USE 12 POINT FONT

Criteria	Above Target Level 4	Target Level 3	Inadequate Level 2	Unacceptable Level 1
Organization	Information is very organized with an introduction paragraph, well-constructed body paragraphs (at least two) and a conclusion paragraph (all body paragraphs include an introductory sentence, with in depth explanations or details, and a concluding sentence.) The essay flows and demonstrates a high level of organization. The essay is two to three pages long.	Information is well organized with an introduction paragraph, minimum of two body paragraphs and a conclusion paragraph. Elements of a paragraph are present with introductory sentence, details, and concluding sentence. The construction of the essay demonstrates adequate organizational structure. The essay is two to three pages long.	Information is organized with an introduction paragraph, two body paragraphs, and a conclusion paragraph. A few of the components of the body paragraphs are lacking organization. The essay is two pages long.	Information appears to be disorganized. The essay is less than two pages long.
Content: Quality of Information: 1. Describe ways in which your language skills have helped you connect to and improve your local and global community. 2. Describe how your language skills can help you continue to connect with and improve your local and global community in the future.	The student describes in extensive and specific detail the benefits of being biliterate and how biliteracy has helped them make cultural connections.	The student describes in detail the benefits of being biliterate and how biliteracy has helped them make cultural connections.	The student describes the benefits of being biliterate and how biliteracy has helped them make cultural connections. However, the student could use some more explanation or further evidence to substantiate their point.	The student fails to fully describe the benefits of being biliterate or how biliteracy has helped them make cultural connections.

Mechanics	<p>The essay demonstrates a strong command of conventions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Few, if any errors are present in usage and sentence formation 2. Effective and consistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling 	<p>The essay demonstrates an adequate command of conventions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some errors in usage and sentence formation may be present, but no systematic pattern of errors is displayed 2. Adequate use of punctuation, capitalization and spelling. 	<p>The essay demonstrates a partial command of conventions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Frequent errors in usage may obscure meaning 2. Inconsistent use of punctuation, capitalization, and spelling 	<p>The essay demonstrates a lack of command of conventions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Errors are frequent and severe and meaning is often obscure
Sources *Minimum Requirement: Students must access at least two credible resources to reference in multimedia presentation and essay.	<p>All sources are documented in MLA format.</p>	<p>All sources are documented in MLA format, but minor errors are present.</p>	<p>All sources are documented but a few are not in MLA format.</p>	<p>Many to none of the sources are not accurately documented in MLA format.</p>