

Rubric for Essay
Dimension

Student Name:

Dimension	Proficient 10-9 - excellent	Acceptable 8-7 - good	Needs Improvement 6-5 - fair	Unacceptable 4-0 - poor
Thesis -	Thesis is placed at the start of the essay, is well articulated, and covers the essay question topic.	Thesis is somewhat unclear and covers some of the essay question topic.	There is a thesis statement but it is very unclear and minimally covers the essay question topic.	No discernable thesis statement with no consideration for essay question topic.
Conclusion -	Conclusion is a concise, well-written summary.	Conclusion is somewhat related to the thesis.	There is a conclusion but it is not obviously related to the thesis.	No conclusion
Structure -	Paper is structured in a series of well-written paragraphs, all of which support the main thesis	Most of the material supports the thesis	Less than half of the material supports the thesis	Paper is not structured as a coherent argument
Style - spelling grammar, etc. -	No more than three minor grammatical or spelling flaws in the essay	No more than an average of five minor flaws in the essay	Several minor flaws, or at least one major flaw (e.g. a sentence that makes no sense)	Multiple minor and major flaws in spelling, grammar and/or style

Comments: