

ESSAY RUBRIC

| | Superior | Accomplished | Developing | Beginning | Points |
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| Content (40 points) | Complete and thoughtful explanation of voice. Strong organization and structure. Vivid supporting details included. Clearly demonstrates an understanding of author's voice. 40 points | Adequate explanation of voice. Shows organization and structure. Supporting details included. Demonstrates an understanding of author's voice. 32 points | Limited explanation of voice (lacks depth). Some evidence of organization and structure. Few supporting details included. Demonstrates some understanding of author's voice. 28 points | Insufficient explanation of voice. Inadequate or confusing organization and structure. No supporting details included. Demonstrates little understanding of author's voice. 24 points | |
| Mechanics (20 points) | Essay is written in complete sentences. Includes a clear beginning, middle, and end. All grammar, usage, punctuation, and spelling are correct. Essay is easy to follow; all details and examples are vivid and relevant to the topic. Includes rich vocabulary and effective, frequent use of transitions. 20 points | Essay is mostly written in complete sentences. Includes a beginning, middle, and end. Few grammar, usage, punctuation, or spelling errors. Clearly written with relevant details and examples included. Adequate use of vocabulary and transitions. 16 points | Essay includes some complete sentences. Some evidence of a beginning, middle, and end. Some grammar, usage, punctuation, or spelling errors. Essay is somewhat difficult to follow. Includes few relevant details and examples. Limited use of vocabulary and transitions. 14 points | Essay is not written in complete sentences. Does not include a beginning, middle, or end. Frequent grammar, usage, punctuation, or spelling errors. Essay is difficult to follow. Does not include relevant details or examples. Weak vocabulary and no use of transitions. 12 points | |
| Personal reflection (15 points) | Essay includes complete and thoughtful reflections about impact on personal growth in regard to author's voice. 15 points | Essay includes reflections about impact on personal growth in regard to author's voice. 13 points | Limited reflections included about impact on personal growth in regard to author's voice. 11 points | Few reflections included about impact on personal growth in regard to author's voice. 9 points | |
| Formatting guidelines (15 points) | All formatting guidelines have been followed. 15 points | Most of the formatting guidelines have been followed. 13 points | Some evidence of adherence to formatting guidelines. 11 points | No evidence of adherence to formatting guidelines. 0 points | |
| Neatness (10 points) | Essay is typed precisely and accurately. Pages are crisp and smooth, correctly ordered, and neatly stapled. 10 points | Essay is typed with few errors. Pages are clean and stapled with no tears or creases. 8 points | Essay is poorly typed. Pages are somewhat smudged, torn, wrinkled, or slightly creased. Pages are fastened incorrectly or haphazardly. 7 points | Essay is handwritten. Pages are smudged, badly torn, wrinkled, or creased. Pages are out of order or not fastened. 6 points | |

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TOTAL: _____ / 100