

**ESSAY RUBRIC**

	<b>Superior</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Content (40 points)</b>	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	
<b>Mechanics (20 points)</b>	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	
<b>Personal reflection (15 points)</b>	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	
<b>Formatting guidelines (15 points)</b>	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	
<b>Neatness (10 points)</b>	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	

Comments:

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 100