

SCORING RUBRIC FOR SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTIONS

The essay rubric is a guideline – each essay answer is worth a maximum of 10 points. Please use this when you score every essay. This will keep your scores consistent for all the students.

10 Points - Exceptional	5 Points – Good	1 Point – Average	0 Points – Does NOT Meet Expectations
Answers questions with a strong central focus	Clear focus	Inconsistent or meandering focus	Does not answer the question
Exhibits personal passion	Reveals character	Underdeveloped voice (character)	There is little development of topic; short answers
Establishes a definite point	A sense of audience is clear	Point of view is unclear	Point of view is confusing
Sentences are clear and varied; uses appropriate vocabulary	Uses appropriate details with clear and correct sentence structure	Frequent shifts in tense and person	Writer appears not to care to communicate their message
Minimal mechanical errors; uses complete sentences – EXCELLENT content	Few mechanical errors – GOOD content	Mechanical errors interfere with understanding: incomplete sentences, using slang, texting, incorrect punctuation, little proofreading	Mechanical errors are abundant and interfere with understanding: incomplete sentences, using slang, texting, no punctuation, no proofreading