

EN312 ESSAY RUBRIC

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ESSAY ASSIGNMENT: _____

***** Please give a brief assessment of your work in the given categories using the spaces provided. My comments will appear at the bottom and/or on a separate sheet.**

Introduction:

0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Does not appeal to readers, does not fit the essay, or is missing altogether. Does not clearly identify the specific topic and offer a clear point and sense of purpose.		Does an adequate job attracting reader interest, presenting the thesis, and launching the essay. Does an adequate job identifying the topic and/or suggesting the point/purpose of essay.		Opens essay and presents thesis in an interesting, effective, and appropriate way. Clearly identifies the topic and lets the reader know the purpose of the essay.	

Style:

0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Writing is unclear, over-wrought, or ineffective. Sentences and paragraphs are clumsy.		Writing is adequate. Sentences and paragraphs are able to lend appropriate emphasis and cohesion.		Writing is clear, concise, and graceful. Exhibits attention to paragraph and sentence level organization, rhythm, and construction.	

Argument:

0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Argument is under-developed, vague, and/or relies on fallacious reasoning. Counter-arguments are not addressed. Sources are not documented.		Argument is adequately developed and supported. Sources are seldom or incorrectly cited.		Argument is clearly defined and soundly supported. Counter-arguments are suggested and addressed. Sources are correctly documented.	

Audience Awareness:

0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Tone/approach/language is inappropriate for likely readers. Readers are supplied with insufficient background information.		Tone and background information are appropriate for likely readers.		Readers immediately sense that they are being addressed with sensitivity and directness.	

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Organization:

0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
The writing lacks a clear sense of direction. Details are haphazardly presented and/or connected.		While organization moves the reader along, it is uneven in sequencing, pacing, or transitions.		The organization enhances and showcases the theme, is compelling and effective.	

Conclusion:

0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Tends to leave readers hanging or unsatisfied or is missing altogether.		Provides some sense of meaningful closure to the essay.		Finishes the essay in an interesting, original, appealing, and appropriate way.	

Conventions:

0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Paper was not spell checked. Errors eclipsed meaning.		Errors interfered with meaning.		Paper was well-polished, and proofread.	

MY COMMENTS

ASSIGNMENT SCORE: _____

GRADE: _____