

**JUDGES' ASSESSMENT RUBRIC**

ESSAY # \_\_\_\_\_

Place an "X" on the number that best describes this work.  
 GRADING: 1 - 4 (4 = High Score, 1 = Low Score)

<b>OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS</b>	Answers prompt fully: addresses all parts of the assignment; includes relevant supporting information and reflects depth of thought.	Answers prompt fully: addresses all parts of the assignment; includes supporting information, some of which is too general and/or irrelevant but reflects depth of thought.	Answers most but not all of the assignment; provides mostly relevant supporting information; lacks sufficient depth of thought.	Answers some but not all of the assignment; supporting information is irrelevant and/or inadequate, lacks depth of thought.
	4	3	2	1
<b>ORGANIZATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT OF ESSAY</b>	Careful, logical progression with clear beginning, middle and end; transitions connect ideas effectively and lead to a very strong conclusion.	Logical progression with clear beginning, middle and end; some awkward transitions; and a strong conclusion.	Gaps in logical progression with some redundancy; ineffective transitions; and a weak or unsubstantiated conclusion.	Random or weak progression; lacks clear beginning, middle and end; transitions and conclusion are ineffective or missing.
	4	3	2	1
<b>USE OF LANGUAGE</b>	Expressive, accurate language and vocabulary used throughout.	Effective use of language and vocabulary.	Frequently imprecise use of language and vocabulary.	Ineffective use of language and vocabulary.
	4	3	2	1
<b>MECHANICS &amp; GRAMMAR</b>	No errors in sentence structure; syntax is varied and effective; punctuation is solid. No errors in spelling.	Few errors in sentence structure or mechanics. 1 - 2 errors in spelling.	Imprecise, confusing sentence structure; some problems with mechanics. Several errors in spelling.	Little sentence structure; many grammatical errors. Many errors in spelling.
	4	3	2	1
<b>OBVIOUS FACTUAL ACCURACY</b>	No errors in obvious factual accuracy.	One error in obvious factual accuracy.	Several errors in obvious factual accuracy.	Many errors in obvious factual accuracy.

<b>COLUMN TOTALS</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>	+	<input type="text"/>	=	<input type="text"/>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>
----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------	---	----------------------	---	----------------------	---	----------------------	--------------------