

EVALUATION CRITERIA	ORGANIZATION	CONTENT	GRAMMAR AND MECHANICS
Very good			
Good			
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Very good	Essay is easy to read and has a clear structure, including a topic sentence, body paragraphs with natural and logical transitions, and a conclusion which summarizes and synthesizes main ideas.	Essay is well supported with examples and properly cited evidence. Main point(s) of the essay are clearly articulated and strongly argued.	Minimal grammatical, punctuation, or spelling mistakes.
Good	Well organized and includes topic sentence, body paragraphs and a conclusion. Transitions and flow need some improvement.	Includes enough examples and properly cited evidence to get the main ideas across.	A few grammatical, punctuation, and/or spelling mistakes, but this does not make reading the essay difficult.
Adequate	A little bit difficult to follow; few transitions or missing a topic sentence, body paragraph or conclusion.	Some ideas are not fully explained or supported. Needs more content.	Grammatical, punctuation, and/or spelling mistakes are noticeable throughout the essay but not overwhelming.

Inadequate

Not organized in a logical way, or missing a topic sentence, body paragraphs or a conclusion. Essay is difficult to follow because of the lack of structure.

Not enough content to explain ideas fully or lacking content that relates to essay assignment.

Many grammatical, punctuation or spelling mistakes. These mistakes make the essay difficult to read.