

Generic Rubric for essays
Graded on a 9-point scale

- 8-9 -Strong thesis, clearly developed; analytical and focused on the question.
-Supports the thesis with substantial and relevant information
-Understands the complexity of the question
-Analyzes more than describes
-May contain insignificant errors
- 5-7 -Contains a clear thesis
-Does not understand the complexity of the question
-Limited analysis; mostly describes
-Uses some factual information
-May contain minor errors
- 2-4 -Lacks a thesis, or simply restates the question or confused thesis
-Supporting information superficial, missing or irrelevant
-May contain major errors
- 0-1 -Incompetent, inappropriate response
- May paraphrase the question
-Little understanding of the question