

Name: ENG 101 Final Essay Rubric/ Argument Essay Rubric

This rubric is the same as the norming rubric for the Final Essay Exam in ENG101. An essay that does not directly respond to the prompt is an F. An essay that does not meet the minimum of 500 words is an F. An essay that does not use both readings is an F. Note: An F and a Zero are not exactly equivalent. If a student does not turn in an essay, then that is a zero. If a student fails an essay, then that is around a 58%.

	A	B	C	D	F
Thesis	Thought-provoking Clearly Articulated	Clearly articulated	Identifiable	Attempted	None Contradictory
Support	Concrete examples from various sources Accurate Clearly Relevant	Sufficient examples from various sources Mostly accurate Relevant	Adequate Some inaccuracies Mostly relevant Vague examples Repetitions Some contradictions	Minimal Logically Flawed Inaccurate	Vague, irrelevant Many inaccuracies Extremely limited Non-existent
Organization	Well designed progression of ideas Well crafted transitions Effective introduction, body, and conclusion	Clear progression of ideas Clear transitions Clear introduction, body, and conclusion	Identifiable introduction, body, and conclusion Adequate transitions May be some digressions	Attempted introduction, body, and conclusion Few transitions May be numerous digressions	No introduction, body or conclusion
Critical Thinking and Reading	Sophisticated understanding of reading(s) Addresses complexities Accurate citation	Good understanding of reading(s) Avoids stereotypes Accurate citation	Adequate understanding of reading(s) Relies on generalizations and/or stereotypes Mostly accurate citations	Flawed understanding of reading(s) Oversimplifications Attempt at citation digressions	Little to no transitions Little to no understanding of reading(s) Little to no citation
Language, Syntax, Grammar	Controlled, precise use of language Varied sentence structure and vocabulary Grammar and spelling almost always correct	Appropriate use of Language Good syntax and Vocabulary Grammar and spelling mostly correct	Adequate vocabulary Errors in grammar, syntax and spelling do not hinder understanding	Limited vocabulary Errors in grammar, syntax and spelling do hinder understanding	Very limited vocabulary Errors in grammar, syntax and spelling severely hinder understanding

