

Long or Essay Response Rubric for Content

Advanced:

Introduction:

Lead or interesting topic sentence

Summary of Reasons

Thesis statement or main argument (If, then statement)

Body: (1-3 paragraphs) each paragraph contains:

Topic sentence

Evidence (Text, Experience, Example, Experiment)

Explanation (elaborate on how evidence proves thesis or main argument)

Concluding Statement

Conclusion:

Restate thesis

New thinking connecting to the world, to self or to another text/experiment/experience- i.e. what's the big picture?

Proficient: (one or more elements may be a weak attempt, but all elements are present)

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Partially

Proficient:

Lacking any one of the above elements

Unsatisfactory:

Lacking two or more of the above elements or a total misinterpretation of the question.

