

Point Value	ESSAY EVALUATION FORM	
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	Introduction / Thesis	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original, insightful, and/or interesting • Not merely restating the prompt 	
	Response to Prompt*	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conveys understanding of the prompt and tasks • Clearly addresses all aspects of the prompt 	
	Evidence*	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific and accurate examples • Evidence supports thesis and main ideas 	
	Analysis/Commentary	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas explained thoroughly • Points argued effectively 	
	Cohesion	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulate and clearly focused • Assertions equivalently developed 	
	Organization	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs have topic sentences • Paragraphs have thoughtful transitions 	
	Closing	[0 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional finish • Not repetitive or merely summarizing 	
	Word Choice / Diction / Voice	[1 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diction appropriate to topic • Student writer knows/owns the words used 	
	Spelling / Punctuation	[1 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate spelling • Proper punctuation 	
	Grammar / Sentence Structure	[1 – 4 value]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject/verb agreement • Varied sentence structure 	

Total Points x 25 =

Off Prompt (OP) = Zero Score
 Prompt is not addressed

Nonscorable (NS) = Zero Score
 Essay is: illegible, insufficient, a blank paper

* USAD publishes essay scoring guidelines for Essay Judges, which include details student writers may include in response to each prompt