

Guiding Questions for Essay Analysis

Development

1. How many quotes from the text are used in each paragraph? _____
2. Do the explanations connect back to the claim (position) and support it? _____
3. Do the texts and explanations of text make sense together? _____
4. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score this essay's development based on the answers you gave to these questions? _____

Focus and Organization

1. Does the paper have an introduction with an attention getter, background, and good thesis? If not, what is it lacking? _____
2. What is the claim/argument/position? _____
3. Does the introduction state the titles or authors of the articles? _____
4. List the topic of each body paragraph. _____

5. Is the counterclaim presented and refuted effectively? Does the counterclaim flow logically with the rest of the paragraph, or does it seem out of place? _____
6. Is the paper organized logically? If not, what doesn't make sense? _____
7. Does the paper have an effective conclusion that stresses the argument and gives a call to action? If not, what should be added? _____
8. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score the paper's focus and organization based on your answers to these questions? _____

Language

1. Does the paper use precise and effective vocabulary? _____
2. Does the paper have varied sentences? (not elementary or repetitive) _____
3. Does the paper use sophisticated transitional phrases? Give examples. _____
4. Does the paper use formal language? _____
5. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score this section? _____

Conventions

1. Do the grammatical errors interfere with the meaning of the essay? _____
2. If 4=Adv, 3=Prof, 2=Basic, 1=BB, what would you score this section? _____

Overall

1. Write one **praise** indicating best part of this essay. _____

2. Write one **polish** indicating what should be revised to improve the essay. _____
