

Definition Essay

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5	4	3	1	Score
Intro paragraph captures interest. Thesis explains clearly what word is being defined and why.	Thesis explains clearly what word is being defined and why.	Thesis explains clearly what word is being defined but needs revision OR to be moved.	Thesis does NOT explain what word is being defined OR no thesis statement	Focus ____ X 3= ____ / 15
Paper includes enough examples of definitions. Nothing is included which is not needed. No major definitions left out. Works cited included if needed.	Paper includes enough examples of definitions. No major definitions left out. Works cited included if needed.	Paper includes enough examples of definitions. Works cited included if needed.	Paper DOES NOT include enough examples of definitions. Works cited NOT included BUT one is if needed.	Organization ____ X 3= ____ / 15
Uses examples which explain the definition almost thoroughly enough to prove thesis. All research information is cited within paper correctly. Includes some	Uses stories which explain the definition somewhat thoroughly enough to prove thesis. All research information is cited within the paper correctly	Uses stories which explain the definition somewhat thoroughly enough to prove thesis. All research information is cited within the paper correctly.	Does not uses stories which explain the definition enough to prove thesis. OR All sources not cited within the paper correctly.	Support ____ X 6= ____ / 30
Correct form of words used throughout. 3rd person remains constant. No agr. errors. Effort shown in selection of vivid words.	Correct form of words used throughout most. 3rd person remains constant. No agr. errors. Effort shown in selection of most words.	Correct form of words used throughout most. 3rd person remains constant. No agr. errors. Effort shown in selection of most words.	Third person does NOT remain constant. OR A few agreement errors. OR No effort shown in selection of words.	Word choice/usage ____ X 3= ____ / 15
Meaning is clear. No run ons or fragments. Variety of sentence types used throughout. "There are" sentence types avoided. Smooth transitions. between paragraphs.	Meaning is clear. No run ons or frags. Variety of sentence types used throughout. "There are" sentence types avoided. Transition attempted between paragraphs.	Meaning is clear. AND 1 or 2 run ons or fragments. OR No variety of sentence types used. Needs transitions between paragraphs.	Meaning is not clear. more than 2 run ons or fragments.	Sentence Structure ____ X 3= ____ / 15
No words are misspelled.	No words are misspelled that could have been caught by spell check. No homonym errors.	No words are misspelled that could have been caught by spell check. Homonym errors. Words misspelled that could have been caught by spell check.	Words misspelled that could have been caught by spell check.	Spelling ____ X 2= ____ / 10
Commas, apostrophes, quotation and end marks, and capitalization used correctly throughout the paper. Works Cited done correctly.	A few commas, apostrophes, quotation and end marks, and capitalization NOT used correctly throughout the paper. Works Cited done correctly.	Some commas, apostrophes, quotation and end marks, and capitalization NOT used correctly throughout the paper. Works Cited done correctly.	Commas, apostrophes, quotation and end marks, and capitalization NOT used correctly throughout the paper OR Works Cited NOT done correctly.	Punctuation ____ X 3= ____ / 15
Both rough drafts turned in on time.	One rough draft on time, the other a day late.	Two days late on rough drafts.	More than two days late on rough drafts.	Rough drafts in ____ X 2= ____ / 10
All rough drafts, outline, and both peer critiques are turned in with final draft. Great improvement is shown from first draft to final draft.	Rough drafts, outline, and both peer critiques are turned in with final draft. Much improvement is shown from first draft to final draft.	Rough drafts are turned in with final draft. Some improvement is shown from first draft to final draft. A lot more revision possible.	Rough drafts are turned in with final draft. Little improvement is shown from first draft to final draft.	Rough drafts improvement ____ X 3= ____ / 15

Total _____ / 150