

# Freshman Essay Rubric

<b>NAME:</b>
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<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Needs revision</b>
	Intro paragraph captures interest. Thesis is stated well and explains what paper is about. Previews main ideas.	Intro paragraph captures interest. Thesis is okay and explains what paper is about. Does NOT preview main ideas.	Intro paragraph does NOT capture interest OR thesis does NOT state what paper is about.
<b>Organization</b>	Paper follows logical sequence. No points left out. Paragraphing correct. Variety of transitions present.	Paper follows logical sequence. No main points left out. Most paragraphing correct. Transitions present.	Paper does NOT follow logical sequence OR major points left out. No transitions.
<b>Support</b>	Uses specific examples/evidence and explains them to prove the thesis. Does NOT include unnecessary details.	Uses some specific examples/evidence and explains them to prove the thesis. Does NOT include unnecessary details.	Does NOT use specific examples/evidence OR does not explain them to prove the thesis OR includes unnecessary details.
<b>Word choice- word usage</b>	Person remains constant. No agreement errors. Effort shown in selection of words.	Person remains constant. A few agreement errors. Little effort shown in selection of words.	Person does NOT remain constant OR too many agreement errors OR no effort shown in selection of words.
<b>Sentence Structure</b>	No run on sentences or fragments. Variety of sentence types used throughout.	A few run on sentences or fragments. A little variety of sentence types used throughout.	Too many run on sentences or fragments OR no variety of sentence types.
<b>Spelling</b>	No words are misspelled.	No "spell check" errors. Homonym errors.	"Spell check" error(s) OR too many errors.
<b>Punctuation</b>	A few errors: commas, apostrophes, quotation marks, end marks, and/or capitalization.	Some errors: commas, apostrophes, quotation marks, end marks, and/or capitalization.	Too many errors: commas, apostrophes, quotation marks, end marks, and/or capitalization.
<b>Conclusion</b>	Conclusion summarizes main ideas. Uses a final statement that wraps up the essay.	Conclusion summarizes main ideas. Does NOT use a final statement that wraps up the essay.	Conclusion does NOT summarize main ideas OR does NOT use a final statement that wraps up the essay.