

Essay Evaluation

What you do well:

What you need to work on:

Intellectual Content

Demonstrate understanding of topic ____

Read primary texts more carefully ____

Use secondary text for context ____

Thesis reasonable and clear ____

Think through more carefully ____

Express thesis more clearly ____

Good array of logical arguments ____

Support thesis with more arguments ____

Make sure arguments support thesis ____

Good use of evidence ____

Support each argument with evidence ____

Ensure that evidence is accurate ____

Structure and Mechanics

Explicit thesis in first paragraph ____

State thesis clearly at beginning ____

Each paragraph offers clear argument ____

Reorganize paragraph structure ____

Concrete evidence for each argument ____

Flesh out arguments with good examples ____

Clear, precise language ____

Work on sentence structure, word choice ____

Correct spelling, punctuation ____

Proofread for errors ____

Correct use of citation ____

Indicate quotations, paraphrasing ____

Correct endnote style ____

Review Chicago/Turabian format ____

Abbreviations:

sp--spelling

wc--word choice

colloq--colloquial (i.e., slang)

awk--awkward phrasing

ros--run on sentence

apv--avoid passive voice

inc. sent.--incomplete sentence

taut--tautology (i.e., repetitive)