

Year 10 English Essay Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (A: 85-100%)	Good (B: 70-84%)	Satisfactory (C: 50-69%)	Needs Improvement (D: Below 50%)
Ideas & Content (25%)	Main idea is clear and interesting. Ideas are original, well-developed, and fully address the topic.	Main idea is clear. Ideas are relevant and mostly well-developed.	Main idea is present but could be clearer. Some ideas need more development.	Main idea is unclear or missing. Ideas are underdeveloped or off-topic.
Supporting Details & Examples (25%)	Strong, relevant examples and evidence that clearly support the main idea. Shows deep understanding.	Good examples and evidence that support the main idea effectively.	Some examples provided but they may be weak or not clearly connected to the main idea.	Few or no examples. Evidence is missing or does not support the main idea.
Organisation & Structure (20%)	Clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Paragraphs flow logically with smooth transitions.	Has introduction, body, and conclusion. Paragraphs are organised with good transitions.	Basic structure is present but paragraphs may be disorganised or transitions are weak.	Lacks clear structure. Paragraphs are confusing or missing. No clear beginning or ending.
Word Choice & Voice (20%)	Excellent vocabulary choices. Writing style is engaging and appropriate for the audience.	Good vocabulary. Writing style is clear and suits the purpose.	Basic vocabulary. Writing style is acceptable but could be more engaging.	Limited or repetitive vocabulary. Writing style is unclear or inappropriate.
Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation (10%)	Very few or no errors. Sentences are well-constructed and varied.	Minor errors that don't affect understanding. Sentences are mostly correct.	Some errors that occasionally affect readability. Sentence structure is basic.	Frequent errors that make the essay difficult to read and understand.

Total Score: _____ / 100

Grade: _____

Teacher Comments:

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