ESSAY SCORING GUIDE

 (Adapted from AP English Grading Rubric http://www.edmondschools.net/ Portals/0/docs/Writing%20Center/HighSchool/STEPS-AP-scoring-guide.pdf)

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| Grading Scale  | Holistic Number Explanation  | Profile of Holistic Areas  |
| 7-9 (90-100)  | 8-9 Brilliant/exceptional  | **7-9** * Thorough development of ideas with noteworthy insight
* Have at least three major points in the body
* Clear and logical organization
* Powerful vocabulary
* Mature and varied sentence structure
* Relevant and powerful supporting detail
* Few significant mechanical errors

**6-7, 5-6** * Ideas are developed but not as well as the 7-9's
* Above average sentence variety
* Good commentary and supporting detail
* Clear and logical organization
* Some mechanical errors but they do not impair meaning
* Strong vocabulary**4-5**
* Have development, but feel thin
* Supporting detail is weak
* Commentary less insightful (too much plot summary)
* Limited sentence variety
* Average to simple vocabulary
* Repetition is a problem
* Organization is less controlled
* Mechanical errors may be a problem

**3, 3-4** * Severely limited development
* Weak organization
* Weak commentary (mostly plot summary)
* Little or no supporting detail
* Inadequate sentence structure and/or vocab
* Mechanical errors are often a problem
* Fail to address the prompt adequately
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| 7 Excellent(a wonderful essay)  |
| 6 (80-89)  | 6 Commendable (a strong paper)  |
| 5 (70-79)  | 5 Adequate (shows promise)  |
| 4 (60-69)  | 4 Limited achievement (thin, weak argument)  |
| 3 (40-59)  | 3 Inadequate/severely limited  |
| 2 (30-39)  | 2 Unacceptable  |
| 1 (10-29)  | 1 Off prompt/no logical response  |
| 0  | 0 No paper |
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