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 |
| 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 |
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