

## Grading Criteria for Essay One

**Thesis: (15pts)**

- Is the limited subject explicitly expressed?
- Does the thesis contain a specific viewpoint or attitude?

**Points of Development: (25pts)**

## Unity:

- Does the thesis have at least three points of development as support?

## Organization:

- Are points well ordered according to one of the four organizational approaches: spatial, chronological, emphatic, or simple to complex?
- Is each point expressed with a topic sentence which integrates transitions?

**Tone and Purpose: (15pts)**

- Does the essay establish and maintain an identifiable tone which relates back to a clear purpose?

**Paragraph Development: (30pts)**

## Adequate Support:

## Unified Paragraphs:

## Specific Evidence:

## Coherent Paragraphs:

**Introduction/Conclusion: (15pts)**