

Enthymeme	The enthymeme is structurally sound, answers a question at issue for our discourse community, and immediately engages the readers interest.	The enthymeme is structurally sound, and answers a question at issue for our discourse community.	The enthymeme is structurally sound. It may attempt to answer a question at issue, but may be too broad or narrow for the essay.	The enthymeme may not be structurally sound. It may not answer a question at issue, or may be unsuitable to the audience.	There may be no discernible enthymeme, or one that refuses to answer a question at issue.
Argument	The argument is fluid, reasoned, and well supported. It shows depth, and uses pertinent quotations from multiple articles. It uses more than one type of appeal.	The argument is reasoned, thoughtful and well supported. It shows the authors independent thought. There is more than one type of appeal used.	The argument is adequate. Some reasoning may be lacking, but generally the essay leaves no major objections or challenges.	The argument may not be in agreement with the enthymeme, or may be inadequately supported. The argument may be seriously lacking logic.	There may be no discernible argument, or the argument may be severely logically flawed.
Organization and Writing	The organization is fluid, and features smooth transitions. The writing is fresh and invites reading with varied sentence structure, strong voice and appropriate tone.	The organization is easy to follow and is suitable to the enthymeme. The writing is fluent, clear and logical.	The organization is adequate. Transitions may be slightly awkward, but the reader is able to follow the essay easily. The writing is clear.	The organization may be sketchy or inadequate, and the writing may detract from the essays argument.	The organization may be difficult or impossible to recognize. There may seem to be little to no structure to the essay.
Grammar	There are only	There are no serious	There are no serious	There may be errors in	There may be

	insignificant grammatical and mechanical errors, if any.	grammatical or mechanical problems.	grammatical or mechanical problems.	grammar and mechanics that obscure the meaning of the essay rather than clarify it.	serious grammatical and mechanical errors that prevent the reader from understanding or identifying the ideas in the essay.
Length	The word count does not fall under 1200 words, and the writer has written just enough to fully argue their enthymeme.	The word count does not fall under 1200 words. The writer may have not written enough to fully argue the enthymeme, or the writer may have written too much.	The word count may fall slightly under 1200 words, but the essay is still complete, and attempts to fully argue its enthymeme.	The essay may not be the assigned length, or may over quote source material.	The essay may not be the assigned length, or may be partly or wholly plagiarized.

Essay Grading Rubric

Superior Essay	Good Essay	Satisfactory Essay	Unsatisfactory Essay	
Unacceptable Essay				
(A-, A, A+)	(B-, B, B+)	(C-, C, C+)	(D-, D, D+)	(F)