**English 319 Short Assignment Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Ratings** | **Pts** |
| **Central Purpose**  The essay clearly establishes a purpose for writing and sticks to it throughout. It includes a clear, specific thesis/claim within a page or so of beginning that frames the paper's purpose. It will also include a purposeful conclusion which elaborates on the stakes of the argument or point being made, helping the reader understand the implications/relevance of the larger idea/argument. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **6.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **5.0 pts**  **Strong** | **4.0 pts**  **Good** | **3.0 pts**  **Adequate** | **2.0-0.0 pts**  **Room/much room for improvement** | | 6.0 pts |
| **Evidence and Analysis**  The essay is prudent and deliberate in its use of textual evidence. Evidence is chosen carefully, integrated smoothly into paragraphs, and is documented accurately according to MLA style guidelines. In close reading assignments, it will be expected that evidence used will be analyzed and that all analysis will be connected clearly to the development of the main claim/idea. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **6.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **5.0 pts**  **Strong** | **4.0 pts**  **Good** | **3.0 pts**  **Adequate** | **2.0-0.0 pts**  **Room/much room for improvement** | | 6.0 pts |
| **Organization**  The essay will display a conscious organizational strategy that corresponds, more or less, to the structure of ideas as they are presented in the introduction. It will include strong use of topic sentences/transition to help frame paragraph purpose. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **6.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **5.0 pts**  **Strong** | **4.0 pts**  **Good** | **3.0 pts**  **Adequate** | **2.0-0.0 pts**  **Room/much room for improvement** | | 6.0 pts |
| **Focus and Development**  The essay's paragraphs are focused and cohesive, moving consciously and deliberately from sentence to sentence with purpose and clarity. In addition, all paragraphs will be sufficiently developed, using enough evidence/detail to make a point fully and convincingly. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **6.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **5.0 pts**  **Strong** | **4.0 pts**  **Good** | **3.0 pts**  **Adequate** | **2.0-0.0 pts**  **Room/much room for improvement** | | 6.0 pts |
| **Presentation** (Grammar, Style, Mechanics, Formatting)  The essay is fully proofread and formatted according to MLA style guidelines. It has varied sentence structure and avoids unnecessary repetition or redundancy. If more than one text is being used, the paper will include a properly formatted MLA-style Works Cited page (does not count towards page requirement). | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **6.0 pts**  **Full Marks** | **5.0 pts**  **Strong** | **4.0 pts**  **Good** | **3.0 pts**  **Adequate** | **2.0-0.0**  **Room/much room for improvement** | | 6.0 pts |
| Total Points: 30.0 | | |