**English 319 Final Paper Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Each Section’s Ratings from 8-0:**  **8 = full marks**  **7-5 = very strong-good range**  **4 = adequate**  **3-0 = room/much room for improvement** | **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 |
| **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 precisely and 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 |
| **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 |
| **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. No paragraph should be as long as a page. |  | 6.0 pts |
| **Presentation** (Grammar, Style, Mechanics, Formatting)  The essay is fully proofread, and is formatted according to MLA style guidelines. It has varied sentence structure and avoids unnecessary repetition or redundancy. Its English is clear, and uses the grammar, syntax, and punctuation associated with standard English. It adheres to the academic convention of using the present tense for literary analysis. The paper will include a properly formatted MLA-style Works Cited page (which does not count towards page requirement). |  | 6.0 pts |
| Total Points: 40.0 | | |