

COMMENTS:

NAME: _____

Grammar/Mechanical errors

MLA errors

Fragments, splices, run-ons

incorrect citation

Verb form/tense endings

incorrect quotation

Adjective/adverb/modifier errors

incorrect headings

Incorrect punctuation

incorrect bibliography

Spelling/word choice errors

incorrect spacing

Incorrect plurals/SV agreement

incorrect margins

Incorrect prepositions

plagiarized material

Parallel/construction issues

other:

Pronoun/article errors

CONTENT:

Clarity of thesis:

Excellent (very clearly explained, specific and focused, well-developed)

Good (clearly explained, specific enough, reasonably developed claims)

Satisfactory (thesis is present, with some development)

Unsatisfactory (thesis is hard to find, vague, unclear, and/or contradictory)

Attention-getting introduction & thoughtful conclusion:

Excellent (very effective introduction, thought-provoking conclusion)

Good (effective introduction, interesting conclusion)

Satisfactory (adequate introduction, and “wrap-up” conclusion)

Unsatisfactory (lacks engaging/clear introduction, uses unclear language, lacks a conclusion or offers a conclusion that is too short or brief)

Persuasive Analysis:

Excellent (well-chosen quotes, creative and thorough analysis of prompt question)

Good (good quotes, solid analysis, persuasive response to prompt question)

Satisfactory (sufficient examples, some detail, some quotes/sources)

Unsatisfactory (quotes that are not introduced and/or not analyzed, lack of quotes altogether, quotes that are not cited, and/or are not relevant to the paper topic)

Organization: Focused paragraphs, smooth transitions, logical connections

Excellent (effective topic and transition sentences, effective & logical paragraphs)

Good (solid topic and transition sentences, organization makes sense overall)

Satisfactory (some topic and transition sentences, some attempt at organization)

Unsatisfactory (few or no transitions, lack of paragraph breaks)

Overall: A-GRADE – Excellent || B-GRADE – Good || C-GRADE: Satisfactory

D-GRADE: Significant Shortcomings || FAIL: Unsatisfactory || **GRADE:**