**TEXAS CURRENT EVENTS ESSAY**

**EVALUATION RUBRIC**

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| Criteria | SCORE | COMMENTS |
| *Fundamentals.* The paper has a title, name, article is political, provides link to article, typed, turned in on time, meets page limit, and is neatly finished. Includes reference to article and textbook. |  |  |
| *Thesis Statement.* Paper has a clear and concise thesis statement. Further, it is one sentence and thought provoking. |  |  |
| *Introduction.* The introduction is engaging and states the main topic and previews the structure of the paper |  |  |
| *Summary*. The student briefly summarizes the article. |  |  |
| *Topic Focus*. The topic is focused narrowly enough for the scope of this assignment. The paper also stays on topic and is related to Texas politics. |  |  |
| *Body*. Each paragraph has thoughtful supporting detail sentences that develop the main idea |  |  |
| *Organization.* Writer demonstrates logical and subtle sequencing of ideas through well-developed paragraphs; transitions are used to enhance organization. |  |  |
| *Textbook*. The student relates the essay to 2 concepts in the textbook. The concepts are bolded and followed by the page number in parenthesis. |  |  |
| *Conclusion*. The conclusion is engaging and restates the thesis. |  |  |
| *Mechanics.* No errors in punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. Also, no errors sentence structure and word usage. |  |  |

**Scoring**:

1. Poor, many requirements not met
2. Fair, some requirements met
3. Good, meets most or all expectations
4. Outstanding, exceeds expectations