

### Critical Analysis Writing Rubric

| Skill/Weight                               | Undeveloped  | Progressing  | Proficient  |
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| <b>Topic and Thesis Statement/<br/>20%</b> | --essay topic does not match the assignment prompt<br><br>--does not contain a thesis statement, or thesis statement does not relate to most essay content | --essay topic is a generic answer to the assignment prompt<br><br>--contains a thesis statement that relates to most essay content   | --essay topic has been personalized to refine the assignment prompt<br><br>--contains a clearly identifiable thesis statement that drives the essay content                   |
| <b>Evidence and Analysis/<br/>35%</b>      | --no evidence provided, or evidence does not justify the thesis statement  | --insufficient evidence provided to justify the thesis statement   | --sufficient and varied evidence provided to justify the thesis statement   |
| <b>Organization/<br/>35%</b>               | --missing introduction, body section, or conclusion elements<br><br>--no clear pattern of development<br><br>--little to no use of transitions             | --contains an introduction, and/or body section, and/or conclusion<br><br>--has a pattern of development, but needs further attention to paragraphing<br><br>--insufficient use of transitions | --contains a clearly identifiable introduction, body section, and conclusion<br><br>--follows a logical pattern of development<br><br>--applies transitions effectively       |
| <b>Editing and Proofreading/<br/>10%</b>   | --lacks verbal competence  | -- may contain errors of spelling, punctuation, or grammar<br><br>--little variety in or convoluted sentence structure   | --stylistically proficient, with appropriate rhetorical strategies<br><br>--demonstrates competency with the conventions of American English and meets expectations of format |

Comments: This well-written essay is full of insight and sensitive analyses; however, I think it may have been possible to harness these to a more impactful thesis statement.

Score: 19/20