

# Essay 1 Rubric

Basic requirements:	____/10
Writing:	____/15
Structure/organization:	____/15
Addressing the prompt:	____/15
Argument reconstruction:	____/30
Original argumentation*:	____/15
<b>Total:</b>	<b>____/100</b>

\*Original argumentation applies to prompts 2 and 3. If you choose to do the first prompt (which is more difficult), you will get these points for free.

## Categories explained

*Basic requirements:* Paper is appropriately anonymized (PID is the only identifying feature); 1 inch margins; 12 pt, Times New Roman font; 600-700 words

*Writing:* Grammar and spelling are exemplary; there are no awkward or confusing turns of phrase; rhetorical questions are used only sparingly

*Structure/organization:* There is a clear guiding structure to the paper; the introduction gives a good overview of what the paper will say; paragraphs are broken up logically.

*Addressing the prompt:* The paper clearly answers every question asked in the prompt and does not go off on tangents unrelated to the prompt

*Argument reconstruction:* Arguments from the text are clearly and accurately explained; key terms are defined; the purpose of every argument (insofar as it relates to the main point the author is trying to make) is addressed

*Original argumentation:* The paper makes a claim and defends it with well-thought-out reasons and/or examples