

Short Essay Rubric Rewarding Careful Sources

60-SECOND OVERVIEW

Evaluate short essays with an emphasis on synthesis, precise language, and ethical source use.

CRITERIA

Thesis and through line: clear argument that responds to the prompt.

Evidence and citation: sources integrated with signal phrases and context.

Analysis and connection: explains how evidence advances the claim.

Voice and mechanics: tone stays warm, careful, and proofread.

BANDS

4 advanced: exceeds expectations with layered insight and polished prose.

3 proficient: meets expectations with room for deeper connection.

2 developing: needs guidance on structure or citation.

1 emerging: schedule a revision conference and share models.