

FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

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1. Thesis Statement (3 points) _____/3
 - a. Carefully directs the ideas of the paper (an argument)
 - b. Accurately predicts the structure of the paper

 2. Introductory Paragraph (4 points) _____/4
 - a. Engages the reader
 - b. Contains the thesis

 3. Body Paragraph 1 (8 points) _____/8
 - a. Has a clear topic sentence
 - b. Shows unity in ideas (one main idea and focus)
 - c. Shows coherence of ideas (transitions, logical order)
 - d. Uses appropriate evidence in support of the main idea

 4. Body Paragraph 2 (8 points) _____/8
 - a. Has a clear topic sentence
 - b. Shows unity in ideas (one main idea and focus)
 - c. Shows coherence of ideas (transitions, logical order)
 - d. Uses appropriate evidence in support of the main idea

 5. Body Paragraph 3 (8 points) _____/8
 - a. Has a clear topic sentence
 - b. Shows unity in ideas (one main idea and focus)
 - c. Shows coherence of ideas (transitions, logical order)
 - d. Uses appropriate evidence in support of the main idea

 6. Conclusion (4 points) _____/4
 - a. Reaffirms main points, but is not too redundant
 - b. Ties up the paper with a thought-provoking ending

 7. Conventions (5 points) _____/5
 - a. Correct spelling
 - b. Correct grammar
 - c. Correct punctuation
 - d. Correct citations, if used

 8. Following directions (5 points) _____/5
 - a. Grading sheet is attached
 - b. Name, teacher, period, date in top left corner
 - c. Uses evidence from readings and class notes

 9. Teacher's points (5 points) _____/5
 - a. Specific requirements for this assignment
- TOTAL (50 points) _____/50