

High School Essay Writing Rubric 2020-2021

Format: MLA, double-spaced, Times New Roman, font size 11-12

- **9-10th Grade:** 5P essay on the weekly prompt using provided sources.
- **11-12th Grade:** 6P essay on the weekly prompt using provided sources.

Purpose, Focus, and Organization: Focused on the prompt, purpose, and audience. A clear claim organized with coherence and completeness.

- Strongly maintained claims with little or no loosely related info.
- Clearly addressed alternate or opposing claims.
- Transitions that make it clear how ideas relate to each other.
- Organized from beginning to end with a clear introduction and conclusion.
- Appropriate style and tone for the audience.

Evidence and Elaboration: Sources are cited and relevant when used.

- Thorough, convincing, and credible support for the writer's claim. Cited evidence and info using sources, facts, and details.
- Explanations supported by the claim that show an understanding of the topic and text. Clear expression of the writer's ideas using precise language.

Conventions: No errors in grammar.

- Proper use of punctuation, capitalization, sentence formation, and spelling.

References and Citations: When referring to evidence and info, students should use paraphrasing and short quotations. To credit sources, students must mention *the name* of the source in the reference P using MLA format. Reference: Owl.purdue.edu [MLA formatting and style guide](#).