

**Rubric for Holistic Assessment**

- A = 1. Superior lead or angle; clearly stated thesis; unique insight into topic; powerful conclusion that ties elements together.
2. Paragraphs developed fully enough to lead, inform and entertain the reader with significant details and analysis.
  3. Excellent transitions.
  4. Well-written sentences with structural variety.
  5. Exact word choice that brings topic to life by showing, not telling.
  6. No, or virtually no, major, spelling, grammar, punctuation, or format errors.
- B = 1. Strong lead or angle; well-stated thesis; insight into topic not necessarily fresh; satisfying conclusion.
2. Paragraphs well-developed enough to lead and inform reader with some interesting details or appropriate analysis.
  3. Good transitions.
  4. Well-written sentences with some structural variety.
  5. Good word choice that captures topic, but tends more to tell, not show.
  6. Few spelling, grammar, punctuation, or format errors.
- C =
1. Trite lead or angle; general thesis; general treatment of topic; average insight; clichéd or otherwise weak conclusion.
  2. Paragraphs developed adequately to contain major point, but with few details or superficial analysis.
  3. Awkward transitions or loose continuity.
  4. Syntactically correct sentences, with little variety or wordy constructions.
  5. General descriptions or imprecise word choice.
  6. Some spelling, grammar, punctuation, or format error.
- D =
1. Weak lead or angle; weak thesis; poorly defined or treated topic; vague conclusion that makes no point or suggests new topic.
  2. Disjointed or misplaced paragraphs with little informative detail or appropriate analysis.
  3. Few transitions or poor continuity.
  4. Barely functional sentence structure.
  5. Inappropriate or incorrect word choice.
  6. Several spelling, grammar, punctuation, or format errors.
- F =
1. Poor lead or angle; no thesis; no clear focus on topic; no conclusion; does not fulfill assignment.
  2. Undeveloped paragraphs with no informative detail or appropriate analysis.
  3. Missing transition or no continuity.
  4. Incoherent or unrelated sentences.
  5. Inadequate word choice.
  6. Many spelling, grammar, punctuation, or format errors.
- 0 = Late work or plagiarism.