

Part 1 Essays - Rubric			
Category	Excellent	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Argumentation	Makes a clear and accurate or defensible statement about the text's meaning. Effectively uses evidence from the text to explain the meaning. Situates the text in historical/cultural context. Supports arguments with meaningful references to literary terms.	Statement regarding meaning might be muddled or unclear, and perhaps contains some misreading. References literary terms from the list and attempts to situate the text historically and culturally, but does so less effectively than an Excellent essay.	The essay fails to make a clear statement about the text's meaning or makes a wild or indefensible claim. Fails to make meaningful or correct references to the list of literary terms and/or historical and cultural contexts.
Organization	The essay is well organized and well developed, with each paragraph introducing supporting evidence in a logical fashion.	The logic might seem haphazard or random, but the essay generally makes a case about the text's meaning. Might misidentify poetic forms or fail to identify prose styles and devices.	The essay fails to proceed in a logical fashion or includes irrelevant observations.

<p>Literary Devices/Poetic Forms</p>	<p>Demonstrates a clear knowledge of poetic forms and devices. Correctly identifies and historicizes the poetic form when relevant.</p> <p>Demonstrates a clear knowledge of prose styles and devices. Makes accurate connections between poetic or literary devices and the content to explicate how the writer constructs meaning in the piece.</p>	<p>Correctly identifies some poetic/literary devices and indicates how they are used in the text. Might not make a clear connection between the device and the meaning. Might demonstrate some confusion about poetic forms and/or literary devices.</p>	<p>Is unable to correctly identify poetic or literary devices and/or discuss their use in the text.</p>
<p>Grammar and Style</p>	<p>Essay is clear, coherent, and written without grammatical errors.</p>	<p>Might have some errors or misspellings, but generally makes sense and uses language with clarity.</p>	<p>Demonstrates repeated patterns of errors in agreement or punctuation; uses confusing syntax.</p>