**Essay Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Excellent**  **5** | **Very Good**  **4** | **Good**  **3** | **Average**  **2** | **Below Average**  **1** |
| Clear thesis statement. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Topic sentences identify reflect thesis. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supportive sentences provide enlightenment of the main idea of the respective paragraphs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paragraphs discuss issues presented in the prompt based on student’s perspective and in keeping with thesis. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sentences constructions reflect simple, compound, complex types. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grammar and Spelling achieve at least 97% accuracy. |  |  |  |  |  |
| In-text citations are evident. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Works Cited page is in accordance with MLA guidelines. |  |  |  |  |  |

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