

Port Angeles School District
Two Sample Writing Rubrics
ENGLISH 10 DESCRIPTIVE ESSAY

Name _____

Rough Draft and Editing Session

- _____
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- ___ complete draft, with a minimum of 300 words
 - ___ neat and legible
 - ___ meaningful suggestions for each essay you read

Writer #1:

Writer #2:

Ideas and Development

- _____
20
- ___ clear focus on a single topic
 - ___ emphasis on description
 - ___ use of several specific details that paint a picture for your reader (show, don't tell)
 - ___ avoidance of vague, general details/description

Organization

- _____
10
- ___ clear, enticing introduction
 - ___ intelligent paragraphing to help your reader
 - ___ smooth flow of ideas
 - ___ satisfying conclusion
 - ___ appropriate title

Sentence Fluency

- _____
5
- ___ sentences flow or read smoothly
 - ___ variety in sentence length and structure

Voice and Word Choice

- _____
5
- ___ appropriate, intelligent vocabulary
 - ___ vividness to your verb choice (highlight at least **four** descriptive verbs you used)
 - ___ lack of pretension (don't sound like a stuffed shirt)

Conventions

- _____
10
- ___ neat and legible (typed--double-spaced--or handwritten in ink)
 - ___ spelling, punctuation, usage, and sentence structure are all superb

Total (a minimum of 30 on the **final draft alone** is needed in order to pass)

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AMERICAN STUDIES \
Freedom, Liberty, and the Individual
History In-Class Essay

Name _____

Ideas and Development

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- you wrote a minimum of 500-600 words (about three pages)
- clear focus on one historical event or issue
- you provided a clear, concise thesis statement
- you presented a clear case explaining the ways in which freedom played a positive role or had positive effects in this event or issue
- you presented a clear case explaining the ways in which freedom played a negative role or had negative effects in this event or issue
- you were specific in your use of details to explain your thoughts
- you were abundant in your details
- you were accurate in your details
- you showed good judgment in your choice of details

Research

10

- you used at least two sources to attain your information (no more than one from your textbook)
- you provided a bibliography, using proper form (type this and have it ready prior to writing the essay)
- you turned in handwritten or highlighted notes for both sources
- you properly cited anything requiring footnotes within the essay, using in-text citations
- you carefully avoided plagiarism

Organization and Conventions

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- clear introduction, including your thesis (underline your thesis)
- your paragraphing helped your reader follow your argument/analysis
- clear conclusion, distinct from your introduction
- your spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure made your teacher beam with delight
- you wrote your essay neatly in ink

Total (minimum of 45 needed to pass this portion of the unit project)

65