

HOLISTIC ESSAY SCALE

A response may or may not show all of the features of any one scale point. Essays that are not multi-paragraph (three or more paragraphs), or have fewer than 250 words will be deducted one scale point

6 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 6 essay is both thorough and insightful. The essay is clearly organized and focused, and the analysis shows perception. There is an excellent match of topic and selections, and literary references and quotations are relevant and well integrated. The writing is fluent and controlled. The essay, however, need not be error-free.

5 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 5 essay is accurate. The essay is organized and focused, and the analysis is clear. There is a good match of topic and selections, and literary references and quotations are relevant and well integrated. The writing is fluent and shows a strong grasp of the conventions of language.

4 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 4 essay is reasonable. The essay is organized, but the ideas may be simplistic or conventional. There is an appropriate match of topic and selection. Literary references are accurate, but often may be limited. The essay displays for the most part control of the conventions of language. Errors are present but may not be generally distracting.

3 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 3 essay is barely adequate. Organization is present but may not support the flow of ideas. The development of ideas is limited and may be incomplete or superficial. There is a poor match of topic and selections, and literary references and quotations may be inappropriate or incorrect. The essay displays limited control of the conventions of language. Errors may impede understanding.

2 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 2 essay is inadequate. The essay lacks organizations and coherence. There is an incomplete or superficial development of ideas, which fail to address the topic. References and quotations are irrelevant or flawed. Language may be poorly controlled, inappropriate or colloquial. Errors are frequent and distracting.

1 Answer

The knowledge demonstrated in a 1 response is unacceptable and shows a lack of understanding. It fails to address the topic and is undeveloped. No references are provided. There is a serious lack of control in the writing which impedes understanding.

0 Answer *

The zero response has insufficient information to warrant a grade. It may be off-topic or simply a restatement of the topic.