**Formal Essay Rubric**

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* Ideas expressed are clear, insightful and evident of close reading and deep

understanding of the text(s).

* Language is sophisticated and expressive, nearly error-free.
* All required formal essay elements are included and used effectively.

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* Ideas expressed are clear and evident of close reading and understanding of the text(s).
* Language is effective with a few errors that do not inhibit the reader’s understanding.
* Most required formal essay elements are included and used effectively.

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* Ideas expressed are evident of a basic understanding of the text(s) with some issues

regarding clarity.

* Language is basic or contains errors that inhibit some of the reader’s understanding.
* A majority of formal essay elements are included, but significant omissions or misused elements exist.

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* Ideas lack clarity and struggle to express an understanding of the text(s).
* Language is basic or contains errors that significantly inhibit the reader’s understanding.
* A majority of required formal essay elements are missing or misused.