

Theme Essay Rubric

<p>Advanced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly analyzes a theme in literature. Develops interpretations that demonstrate a thoughtful, comprehensive grasp of the text. Organizes accurate and coherent interpretations around clear ideas, premises, or images from the text. Provides specific textual examples and details to support the interpretations. Maintains a consistent point of view, focus, and organizational structure, including the effective use of transitions. Contains few, if any, errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors do not interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.
<p>Proficient</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzes a recurring theme. Develops interpretations that demonstrate a comprehensive grasp of the text. Organizes accurate and reasonably coherent interpretations around clear ideas, premises, or images from the text. Provides textual examples and details to support the interpretations. Maintains a mostly consistent point of view, focus, and organizational structure, including the use of isolated and/or single word transitions. Contains some errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling), but they do not interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.
<p>Basic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests a theme. Develops interpretations that demonstrate a limited grasp of the text. Includes interpretations that lack accuracy or coherence as related to ideas, premises, or images from the text. Provides few, if any, textual examples and details to support the interpretations. Maintains an inconsistent point of view, focus, and/or organizational structure, which may include ineffective or awkward transitions that do not unify important ideas. Contains several errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors may interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.
<p>Below Basic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents an incorrect theme Demonstrates little comprehension or grasp of the text. Lacks an interpretation or may be a simple retelling of the passage. Lacks textual examples and details. Lacks a point of view, focus, organizational structure, and transitions that unify important ideas. Contains serious errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.
<p>Far Below Basic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents an incorrect theme or no theme or is merely a summary of text. Demonstrates little grasp of the texts. Lacks an interpretation. Lacks textual examples and details. Lacks a point of view, focus, organizational structure, and transitions that unify important ideas. <p>Contains serious errors in the conventions of the English language (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, spelling). These errors interfere with the reader's understanding of the writing.</p>
<p>0</p>	<p>Non-scorable; blank; illegible; unintelligible.</p>