

Essay 1 Rubric

	Strong	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Organization			
<i>Thesis: evidence/strategies, effectiveness in convincing audience; wording is concise and clear</i>			
Body Paragraphs follow logically			
Each paragraph has one specific focus			
Each paragraph stays on topic and connects to the topic sentences			
Transitions			
Content/Prompt			
Introduction: author, audience, title, date, argument, your thesis			
Body: Account of argument contains claims, names evidence which supports the claims, and provides textual evidence which parallels the evidence (i.e. if you say Adichie uses an illustration, you provide a quote where she uses the illustration)			
Analysis of evidence: <i>how the author supports her claims*</i>			
<i>Analyzes the effectiveness of the author's argument on/for the intended audience in extensive detail</i>			
Discusses strategies in detail and <i>how they support the argument</i>			
Conclusion: Explain significance of Adichie's argument			
Style			
Voice			
Appropriate Tone (no 2 nd person)			
Mechanics			
Smoothly integrate quotes into the text			
Spelling, punctuation, grammar (no fragments, comma splices, or run-ons) and varied sentence structure			

**The items in italics indicate the most highly-weighted requirements of the essay.*

Comments:

Grade: