

College English Summer Reading Rubric

Total Score

	Limited	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
Content (x3) - Thorough knowledge of the literature is demonstrated. Student has a clear understanding of each author's use of literary elements and purpose. He or she is able to effectively articulate how each text relates to human experience.	0 1	2 3 4	5 6 7	8 9 10
Development of Position (x2) - The writer's position is clearly defined in the thesis and supported throughout the paper using specific evidence from the texts and other resources. Original ideas and analysis are explained to completion using examples and persuasive connections. There are no gaps in logic.	0 1	2 3 4	5 6 7	8 9 10
In-Text Citations - In-text citation format is accurate, but a variety of forms are used to enhance writing style. Direct quotes appear in quotation marks. Long quotations are separated from the text without quotation marks. All borrowed ideas are cited.	0 1	2 3 4	5 6 7	8 9 10
Works Cited - Works Cited appears as a separate page and has an appropriate header and title. All entries are listed in alphabetical order. Double spacing is used between and within entries. All entries are formatted and punctuated correctly.	0 1	2 3 4	5 6 7	8 9 10
Introduction - Introduction provides background information. Thesis is easy to pinpoint. It is focused, effective and original. The introduction captures the reader's attention.	0	1 2	3 4	5
Conclusion - Conclusion restates the introduction, effectively summarizes the essay without adding new information and provides closure.	0	1 2	3 4	5
Organization - Information is effectively organized. Ideas flow in a logical sequence, have effective transitions between them and are organized in well-structured paragraphs.	0	1 2	3 4	5
Meets Requirements - Final product meets minimum 4-5 page length requirement, formatting requirements, and includes all required parts.	0	1 2	3 4	5
Voice and Style - Diction is targeted for audience. Voice demonstrates confidence in topic and serves to strengthen the writer's position.	0	1 2	3 4	5
Mechanics - Point of view and verb tense are consistent. The final product demonstrates control of conventions in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar.	0	1 2	3 4	5