

HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY COMPETITION 2014

English Essay Marking Criteria

The Marking criteria will comprise of five categories. Each category will try and assess the essay from an individual standpoint as well try to gauge the coherence of the essay as a whole.

The Four Areas are:

Structure 20%

Creativity 40%

Adherence to Topic 10%

Grammar 10%

Length 10%

TOTAL: 90%

Description of Criteria

40% - Creativity

Judging the Creativity component with careful consideration is very important. The goal is to reward students who display the ability to think “outside the box”—that is, those who provide something other than formulaic answers, and who can do so in a novel or unusual way.

The checkpoints to use for a truly creative essay include:

- (10%) Does this essay express ideas not commonly found in the other essays?
- (10%) Does this essay answer the question in an unexpected way?
- (10%) Does this essay display a lot of thought on behalf of the student writing it? Yes / N
- (10%) Does this essay address the topic in a way that makes the reader think?

20% - Structure

The way in which an essay is organized helps make it more easily understood and appreciated. Structure tries to assess how the essay placed on paper makes for easier and more coherent reading. It tries to analyze the effort of the student to present the essay with more clarity and conciseness as far as structure is concerned.

- (10%) Is this essay organized in a comprehensible way?
- (10%) If the essay adheres to a traditional format, is there a clear beginning, middle, and end or introduction, body, and conclusion?