

BBrook ELA Common Rubric ~ Grades 6-12

Informational Writing: *Argument, Rhetoric, Research/Synthesis Essay*



EVIDENCE Essay	Not Evident	Minimal Effort	Needs Improvement	Satisfactory	Exceptional	Score
Introduction Hook Transition Thesis (Main Idea)	There is no thesis/main idea or hook.	The writer simply restates the prompt. Does not include a hook.	The thesis/main idea does not respond to the prompt and there is a weak relationship from the hook to the thesis/main idea.	The stated thesis/main idea responds to the prompt and adds interpretation that demonstrates understanding.	The thesis/main idea and hook meets "Satisfactory" criteria and is extraordinarily clear and concise.	
Points	0 points	13 points	15 points	17 points	20 points	/20
Evidence	There is no evidence to support the thesis/main idea. Provides no information to support the thesis/main idea.	Provides examples that are generally unrelated and/or confusing. AND Provides little or no information to support the main idea.	Provides evidence or example(s) relevant to the subject of the prompt. AND Provides information; however, it repeats, oversimplifies, or misinterprets the evidence.	Provides evidence that supports the thesis/main idea. AND Provides information that connects the evidence to the thesis/main idea.	Provides evidence that supports the thesis/main idea. AND Provides well-developed information that consistently and clearly explains the relationship between the evidence and the thesis/main idea.	
Points	0 points	26 points	30 points	34 points	40 points	/40
Organization & Structure	No organization attempted.	Little evidence of paragraph organization, which includes ideas that are not broken up into paragraphs or do not provide irrelevant information.	Essay has a structure but there are issues with understanding. Combines thoughts with evidence. Missing topic sentences and/or transitions between paragraphs.	Essay has a clear structure with an introduction, body and conclusion. Topic sentences and transitions shown.	Essay has a clear structure with an introduction, body and conclusion.	
Points	0 points	23 points	25 points	27 points	30 points	/30
Grammar, Spelling, & Citation	Frequent and varied errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage impede understanding. No works cited.	There may be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that often impede understanding. Confusing and choppy, incomplete sentences. No organization of thoughts.	There may be errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage that occasionally impede understanding. Fair presentation. Few supporting details. Attempted a Works Cited including links.	There may be errors in mechanics & grammar that occasionally prevent understanding, but the meaning is generally clear. Good organization. Sufficient effort & detail. No major errors in citation or in-text citations.	There may be a few minor errors in mechanics, grammar, and usage, but meaning is clear. Well written and very organized. Clear and concise statements. Clearly cited evidence. Properly formatted MLA Works Cited.	
Points	0 points	3 points	5 points	7 points	10 points	/10
Total Points						/100