

Student Name: _____

Essay # _____

ENGL 122 Rubric	Excellent	Fair	Needs Work	Not Done
Requirements				
Meet the required word count and all other requirements				
Answer the question on the prompt				
Double-spaced, 12-point font, 1" margins, MLA formatting, citations				
Ideas				
Surprise the reader with the originality of your ideas				
Sum up the paper with a clear thesis statement in the first paragraph or two				
Support all claims with specific evidence: examples, details, information, quotes from the assigned readings				
Explain ideas/information fully enough for readers not in our class to follow				
Discuss complexities & not make things seem more simple than they really are				
Demonstrate thorough reading of the texts				
Organization				
Present ideas in an order that makes sense to readers				
Make sure the body of the paper delivers on the promise the thesis makes				
Open with an intro that engages readers and conveys overall focus of paper				
Make sure each paragraph has a clear focus that matches the thesis				
Make sure each paragraph has a logical organization				
Show through your writing how your paragraphs develop your thesis				
Make sure each paragraph is a reasonable length (usually 1/3 to 2/3 of a page)				
Connect the different parts of your paper together with transitions				
End with a conclusion that completes the discussion				
Sentences				
Write sentences that are varied in structure yet clear				
Use correct punctuation and sentence boundaries				
Proofread carefully to avoid errors				
Use your own voice to lead into quotes & let reader know who quote is from				
Use your own voice after a quote to explain how quote connects to paper				
FINAL GRADE / 100				