

Descriptive Essay Rubric

	8 Points (Full Marks)	4 Points (Half Marks)	0 Points (No Marks)
Introduction Paragraph	Includes the following in the correct order: 1. A hook that grabs the reader's attention 2. Establishing context that links your hook to your thesis 3. A thesis	Includes some but not all of the following in the correct order: 1. A hook that grabs the reader's attention 2. Establishing context that links your hook to your thesis 3. A thesis	Does not include the following in the correct order: 1. A hook that grabs the reader's attention 2. Establishing context that links your hook to your thesis 3. A thesis
Thesis Sentence	Fulfills the following criteria: -Addresses the prompt -Is a complete sentence -Does not announce the topic -Is not too general -Is not too specific -States the main points.	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria: -Addresses the prompt -Is a complete sentence -Does not announce the topic -Is not too general -Is not too specific -States the main points.	Does not fulfill the following criteria: -Addresses the prompt -Is a complete sentence -Does not announce the topic -Is not too general -Is not too specific -States the main points.
Topic Sentence #1	Fulfills the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific.	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific	Does not fulfill the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific
Body Paragraph #1	Fulfills the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.	Does not fulfill the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.
Topic Sentence #2	Fulfills the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific	Does not fulfill the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific

Body Paragraph #2	Fulfills the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.	The body paragraph fulfills some but not all of the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.	The body paragraph does not fulfill the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.
Topic Sentence #3	Fulfills the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific	Does not fulfill the following criteria: 1. Support the thesis statement 2. Is a complete sentence 3. Does not announce the topic 4. Is not too general 5. Is not too specific
Body Paragraph #3	Fulfills the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.	Does not fulfill the following criteria in the correct order: 1. A topic sentence. 2. At least 3 sentences that support the topic sentence. 3. A concluding sentence that summarizes the paragraph.
Restatement of Thesis	Fulfills the following criteria: 1) Has the same meaning as the thesis 2) Paraphrases (uses different words to mean the same thing) the thesis.	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria: 1) Has the same meaning as the thesis 2) Paraphrases (uses different words to mean the same thing) the thesis.	Does not fulfill the following criteria: 1) Has the same meaning as the thesis 2) Paraphrases (uses different words to mean the same thing) the thesis.
Conclusion Paragraph	Fulfills the following criteria in the correct order: 1. Restatement of thesis 2. Applying thesis to general contexts 3. A closing statement	Fulfills some but not all of the following criteria in the correct order: 1. Restatement of thesis 2. Applying thesis to general contexts 3. A closing statement	Does not fulfill the following criteria in the correct order: 1. Restatement of thesis 2. Applying thesis to general contexts 3. A closing statement