

### Illustration Essay Rubric: 100 Points Possible

	Novice	Competent	Proficient
<b>Interesting and appropriate title</b>	Points: 0 Title is missing	Points:3 Title is present but is not interesting or is not appropriate.	Points:5 Title is interesting and appropriate.
<b>Introduction</b>	Points:0 Introduction contains so many errors that the reader cannot follow it.	Points:3 Introduction is present but is not engaging.	Points:5 Introduction includes a hook, background information, and gets the reader involved.
<b>Thesis Statement</b>	Points:0 No Clear thesis statement.	Points:3 Weak thesis statement that is missing a clear point.	Points:5 Strong thesis statement that includes a topic and a point for the whole paper.
<b>Topic Sentences</b>	Points:5 Essay does not contain clear topic sentences that support the thesis statement.	Points:10 Essay contains two strong topic sentences that support the thesis statement.	Points:15 Essay contains 3 strong topic sentences that support the thesis statement.
<b>Support</b>	Points:10 Body paragraphs contain weak support for topic sentences.	Points:20 Body paragraphs contain good support for topic sentences.	Points:30 Body paragraphs contain strong support for topic sentences.
<b>Organization</b>	Points:0 Organization is unclear and transitions are not used.	Points:5 Organization is fairly clear and some transitions are present.	Points:10 Essay is clearly organized with smooth transitions.
<b>Conclusion</b>	Points:0 Conclusion is nonexistent or ineffective.	Points:3 Conclusion sums up essay but does not include a closing thought.	Points:5 Effective conclusion that sums up the essay and ends with a closing thought.
<b>Assignment</b>	Points:0 Assignment guidelines were not followed.	Points:3 The assignment was followed somewhat.	Points:5 There is evidence that you followed the assignment.
<b>Formatting</b>	Points:0 MLA formatting was not followed.	Points:3 MLA formatting was attempted but was not used effectively.	Points:5 Essay is clearly formatted in MLA style.
<b>Grammar and Word Choice</b>	Points:5 Essay contains multiple grammar and word choice errors that distract the reader.	Points:10 Essay has several grammar errors and word choice/slang errors.	Points:15 Essay has very few grammar errors and no word choice/slang errors.