

An "A" essay is a paper that:

follows effectively the assignment instructions; presents an argument with an analytical thesis; shows sophisticated and original thought/analysis; demonstrates clear and excellent organization and development of ideas according to the purpose of the assignment; is coherent; is without excessive grammatical errors.

A "B" essay is a paper that:

follows effectively the assignment instructions; presents an argument with an analytical thesis; shows good, original thought and analysis; demonstrates clear and excellent organization and development of ideas according to the purpose of the assignment; is coherent; is without excessive grammatical errors.

A "C" essay is a paper that:

follows effectively the assignment instructions; presents an argument with an analytical thesis; shows original thought/analysis; is coherent; has several grammatical errors.

A "D" or "F" paper is one that:

fails to follow the assignment's instructions; lacks a distinct argument; lacks thought, originality, organization, development of ideas; has excessive grammatical errors; is incoherent; is plagiarized; or is turned in past the due date.

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Criteria	Feedback	%
Presents an argument with an analytical thesis		20%
Shows sophisticated and original thought/analysis		20%
demonstrates clear and excellent essay organization		20%

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Criteria	Feedback	%
Demonstrates clear and excellent development of ideas in body paragraphs		20%
Ideas are coherent and logical		10%
Without excessive grammar errors		10%