

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Rubric: Carey Scholars Essay, 500-700 words, MLA Format					
Area of Evaluation	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Points
Essay Requirements	The author comprehensively addresses the essay topic and all essay questions. The essay is 500-700 words and is in proper MLA format.	The author proficiently addresses the essay topic and most essay questions. The essay is 500-700 words and is in acceptable MLA format.	The author somewhat addresses the essay topic and some essay questions. The essay is between 500-700 words and is not in acceptable MLA format.	The author does not address the essay topic or any essay questions. The essay is not between 500-700 words and is not in MLA format.	15 pts
Organization	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic, and provides an overview of the paper. Information is relevant and presented in a logical order. The conclusion is strong	The introduction states the main topic and provides an overview of the paper. A conclusion is included.	The introduction states the main topic. A conclusion is included.	There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion.	25 pts
Voice and Thought	The author's purpose for writing is very clear. The author illustrates an advanced level of thought.	The author's purpose for writing is clear. The author illustrates a proficient level of thought.	The author's purpose for writing is somewhat clear. The author illustrates an incomplete level of thought.	The author's purpose of writing is unclear.	20 pts
Word Choice	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words seems accurate,	The author uses vivid words and phrases. The choice and placement of words is inaccurate at	The author uses words that communicate clearly, but the writing lacks variety.	The writer uses a limited vocabulary. Jargon or clichés may be present and detract from the meaning.	20 pts

	natural, and not forced.	times and/or seems overdone.			
Sentence Structure, Grammar, Mechanics, & Spelling	All sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	Most sentences are well constructed and have varied structure and length. The author makes a few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.	Most sentences are well constructed, but they have a similar structure and/or length. The author makes several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.	Sentences sound awkward, are distractingly repetitive, or are difficult to understand. The author makes numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that interfere with understanding.	20 pts
Total					100 pts

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