

## Animal Farm 5 Paragraph Essay Rubric

Total: 60	<b>Exceeds Expectations A (60-54)</b>	<b>Meets Expectations B (53-48)</b>	<b>Approaching Expectations C (47-42)</b>	<b>Incomplete D (41-36)/ F (35-0)</b>
<b>Answers Prompt 10</b> Whole essay	Essay answers prompt with nuance (acknowledges the subtle differences of both sides of the argument. )	Essay answers all parts of the prompt.	Essay answers some parts of the prompt, but not all.	Essay is off-topic, or it is unclear what position is being taken.
<b>Argumentation 10</b> Thesis and Topic sentences	Qualified thesis. Sophisticated topic sentences.	Clear thesis that answers prompt. Opinion-based topic sentences.	Attempts to answer prompt, rephrasing the prompt. Topic sentences state facts instead of opinions.	Thesis is missing, or is a continuation of the background information. Topic sentences are missing.
<b>Use of Evidence 15</b> Quote introduction, relevance of evidence, MLA citation.	Evidence is integrated in with writer's own sentences. Evidence is on-topic and has MLA citation.	Evidence is on-topic. Evidence is introduced and has MLA citation.	Evidence is too long (4 or more lines). Quote introduction is attempted. MLA citation is attempted, but is incorrect.	Evidence is off-topic. Quote introduction is missing. Evidence is not cited.
<b>Commentary 15</b> Explanation of quotes, and connection of quote to topic sentence/ thesis.	Commentary explains in detail. Connecting commentaries build argument throughout essay.	Commentary consistently explains the evidence, and connects back to the topic sentence/ thesis.	Commentary either does not explain the evidence or does not connect the evidence back to the topic sentence.	One or more of the commentary sentences is missing. Writing is a summary of the text.
<b>Essay Form 5</b> Introduction 3 two-quote body paragraphs Conclusion	Follows standard 5-paragraph format exactly.	Follows 5-paragraph format closely.	Mostly follows 5-paragraph format: some elements missing or out of place, or extra sentences	Essay form is not followed.
<b>Language 5</b> Use of vocabulary Spelling Capitalization Comma usage FANBOYS comma Run-on/ Fragments Use of 3rd person	Correctly uses more than six vocabulary words. Less than two errors in spelling, grammar, or conventions.	Correctly uses 6 vocabulary words. Less than five errors in spelling, grammar, or conventions.	Incorrectly uses vocabulary. Less than ten errors in spelling, grammar, or conventions.	Does not include vocabulary. Many spelling, grammar , or convention errors