

Analytical Essay Rubric Criteria	30 Points Possible	Full Points	Partial or No Credit
<p>Thesis Argument Complete thesis argument in first paragraph that frames the essay and explains the main puzzle/problem/issue.</p> <p>a) Why is this significant? b) How does it matter/apply?</p>	5.0 pts	Thesis Argument identifies and explains the specific points and relationship between ideas that will be supported in the essay.	Thesis lists points without a complete argument.
<p>Level of Analysis/Evidence Supporting evidence and explanation of key points.</p>	10.0 pts	Ideas and main points are fully supported with evidence from texts, lecture, and course materials alongside any additional research.	Some points are supported with evidence while others are left without sufficient analytical development or support.
<p>Comparative Analysis Specific examples within supporting analysis and explanation of strengths and weaknesses, as well as how examples are similar or dissimilar and in what manner.</p>	5.0 pts	Specific examples align to argument and provide support, are fully explained and analyzed in comparison to other specific examples; including analysis of strengths and weaknesses.	Missing specific examples. Missing or insufficient analytical development of each example or comparison between points, including strengths and weaknesses.
<p>Definitions, Terminology, and Clarity Correct definitions and use of terminology (+3). Clarity of Argument and logical ordering (+2).</p>	5.0 pts	Correct use of terminology, definitions within context, and clear argument.	Incorrect definitions, missing terminology, or lack of clarity.
<p>Citations and Works Cited Correct citations (parenthetical notation) and Works Cited. All essays should have a minimum of 3 reputable sources.</p> <p>See OWL MLA link and Writing Assignments Page in Welcome Module.</p>	5.0 pts	Correct format for citations and Works Cited. Sufficient number of sources (at least 3).	Incorrect formatting or missing citations. Missing sufficient sources.