

Analytical Essay

SCORING RUBRIC

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Score	Texas Key Traits
4	• Focus and Coherence Focuses consistently on a clear thesis
	• Organization Shows effective organization throughout with smooth transitions
	• Development of Ideas Supports a thesis thoroughly, using clearly stated evidence and elaboration
	• Voice Expresses the writer's unique perspective and engages readers
	• Conventions Exhibits a mature control of grammar, mechanics, and spelling
3	• Focus and Coherence Focuses on a clear thesis, with minor distractions
	• Organization Shows effective organization throughout, with minor lapses
	• Development of Ideas Offers mostly thoughtful key points, with a mixture of general and specific evidence and some elaboration
	• Voice Expresses a perspective that is not unique and does not completely engage readers
	• Conventions Exhibits general control of grammar, mechanics, and spelling
2	• Focus and Coherence Includes some loosely related ideas that distract from the writer's thesis
	• Organization Shows some organization, with noticeable gaps in the flow of ideas
	• Development of Ideas Offers routine, predictable ideas and key points with uneven evidence and little elaboration
	• Voice Expresses a flat or generic perspective and engages readers only slightly
	• Conventions Exhibits a limited control of grammar, mechanics, and spelling
1	• Focus and Coherence Shows little awareness of the topic and purpose for writing
	• Organization Lacks organization
	• Development of Ideas Offers unclear and confusing ideas and demonstrates minimal evidence and no elaboration
	• Voice Exhibits little or no interest in the original text or in analyzing it for readers
	• Conventions Exhibits major problems with grammar, mechanics, and spelling