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## Grading Standard For Written Work

The following criteria will be used when assessing written submissions:

<b>Clarity:</b>	Understandable, the meaning can be grasped  (Does it have a clear “Thesis” statement?)  (Does the essay provide explanations, examples, or illustrations?)	
<b>Accuracy:</b>	Free from errors or distortions  (Is the information factual?)	
<b>Precision:</b>	Contains necessary detail  (Who, what, when, where, why, why important?)	
<b>Relevance:</b>	Relating to the matter at hand  (Does the information provided relate to the question?)	
<b>Depth:</b>	Takes into account contradictory evidence  (Does the essay address multiple factors or opposing positions?)	
<b>Breadth:</b>	Encompassing multiple viewpoints  (Have alternative points of view been considered?)	
<b>Logic:</b>	The parts make sense together, no contradictions  (Do the arguments support the thesis?)	
<b>Significance:</b>	Focusing on the important, not trivial  (Does the essay address why this question is important?)	
<b>Fairness:</b>	Justifiable, not self-serving or one-sided  (Is the essay sympathetic to other points of view?)  (Has personal bias been overcome?)	