

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras - College of General Studies - English Department
Ingl 3161-3162 Essay Writing Rubric –October 2016

8-7 High Proficiency	6-5 Adequate Proficiency	4-3 Some Proficiency	2-1 Limited or Emergent Proficiency
READING COMPREHENSION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Uses the text, general background knowledge, and/or supporting details to draw more complex inferences.	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluates how textual features contribute to the author's main idea.	<input type="checkbox"/> Paraphrases or summarizes the information the text communicates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands vocabulary appropriately within the text.
CONTENT AND DEVELOPMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clearly presents a thesis that responds to the prompt. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains focus on topic. <input type="checkbox"/> Completely addresses the prompt. <input type="checkbox"/> Response is well reasoned with 2 or more significant pieces of information and evidence that effectively support thesis.	<input type="checkbox"/> States thesis. <input type="checkbox"/> Focus is generally maintained. <input type="checkbox"/> Largely addresses the prompt. <input type="checkbox"/> Response is adequately reasoned with 2 significant pieces of information that develop thesis but lack detail.	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor thesis statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Loses focus. <input type="checkbox"/> Incompletely addresses the prompt. <input type="checkbox"/> Response is simplistically reasoned with 2 less discriminating pieces of information, or one significant piece of information, but lacks development and detail.	<input type="checkbox"/> No thesis statement. <input type="checkbox"/> Unfocused. <input type="checkbox"/> Little or no understanding of the prompt. <input type="checkbox"/> Information lacks development or not enough to evaluate.
ORGANIZATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction, Body and Conclusion follow a completely logical order. <input type="checkbox"/> Writing is well organized. <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional words and connectives are used effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction, Body and Conclusion follow a generally logical order. <input type="checkbox"/> Writing is adequately organized. <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate use of transitional words and connectives.	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction, Body and Conclusion follow a partially logical order. <input type="checkbox"/> Writing is loosely organized. <input type="checkbox"/> Some needed transitional words and connectives are missing.	<input type="checkbox"/> No clear division between paragraphs. <input type="checkbox"/> Writing lacks organization: ideas are confusing. <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional words and connectives are incorrectly used or missing.
VOCABULARY			
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad range of vocabulary. <input type="checkbox"/> Effective word choice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate range of vocabulary. <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional errors of word choice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited range of vocabulary. <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent errors of word choice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor range of vocabulary. <input type="checkbox"/> Literal translation
GRAMMAR			
<input type="checkbox"/> Minor errors in grammar do not interfere with meaning. <input type="checkbox"/> Effective complex sentence structure. <input type="checkbox"/> Few errors of omission, negation, agreement, tense, number, word order, articles, pronouns, prepositions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Errors in grammar may make reading awkward but do not interfere with intelligibility. <input type="checkbox"/> Effective but simple sentence structure. <input type="checkbox"/> Several errors of omission, negation, agreement, tense, number, word order, articles, pronouns, prepositions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Errors in grammar may at times confuse readers. <input type="checkbox"/> Major problems in simple/complex sentence structure. <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent errors of omission, negation, agreement, tense, number, word order, articles, pronouns, prepositions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Errors in grammar interfere with understanding and severely distract reader. <input type="checkbox"/> Little or no mastery of sentence structure. <input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by errors, meaning confused or obscured.
MECHANICS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Few errors of spelling, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional errors of spelling, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent errors of spelling, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphing.	<input type="checkbox"/> Dominated by errors of spelling, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphing.
INTEGRATION OF SOURCES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Provides 2 or more relevant direct or indirect quotes from the reading. <input type="checkbox"/> Always credits sources using the required documentation style	<input type="checkbox"/> Provides 1 relevant direct or indirect quote from the reading. <input type="checkbox"/> Usually credits sources using the required documentation style	<input type="checkbox"/> Provides 1 irrelevant direct or indirect quote from the reading. <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes credits sources using the required documentation style	<input type="checkbox"/> Information is not supported with the reading. <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely or never credits sources using the required documentation style.

Note on Reading Comprehension Criteria: By December, students should perform between "some proficiency" and "adequate proficiency" and by May between "adequate proficiency" and "high proficiency."

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