



Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

**THEMATIC ESSAY
 GENERIC SCORING RUBRIC**

Score

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows a thorough understanding of the theme or problem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses all aspects of the task
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows an ability to analyze, evaluate, compare, and/or contrast issues and events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richly supports essay with relevant facts, examples, and details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a well-developed essay, consistently demonstrating a logical and clear plan of organization
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes the theme or problem by establishing a framework that is beyond a simple restatement of the theme and concludes with a summation of the theme or problem

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows a good understanding of the theme or problem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses all aspects of the task
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows an ability to analyze, evaluate, compare, and/or contrast issues and events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes relevant facts, examples, and details, but may not support all aspects of the task evenly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a well-developed essay, demonstrating a logical and clear plan of organization
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes the theme or problem by establishing a framework that is beyond a simple restatement of the theme and concludes with a summation of the theme or problem

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a satisfactory understanding of the theme or problem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses most aspects of the task or addresses all aspects in a limited way
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows an ability to analyze or evaluate issues and events, but not in any depth
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a satisfactorily developed essay, demonstrating a general plan of organization
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes some facts, examples, and details
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduces the theme or problem by repeating the task and concludes by repeating the theme or problem

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shows a limited understanding of the theme or problem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempts to address the task
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develops a faulty analysis or evaluation of issues and events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes few facts, examples, and details, and may include information that contains inaccuracies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is a poorly organized essay, lacking focus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fails to introduce or summarize the theme or problem

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shows a very limited understanding of the theme or problem
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lacks an analysis or evaluation of the issues and events
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attempts to complete the task, but demonstrates a major weakness in organization
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduces little or no accurate or relevant facts, details, or examples
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fails to introduce or summarize the theme or problem

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fails to address the theme, is illegible, or is a blank paper
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Comments:
