

# Handout B: Essay Rubric

Score (Grade)	Research	Thesis	Proposal Summary	Analysis	Conclusion	Organization and Writing Skill	Errors
4	Paper clearly displays an strong attention to current research and proposed solutions to the issue of immigration.	Contains a well-developed thesis statement which addresses the proposal and lays the framework for their plan.	Contains a detailed summary which describes the proposal and addressed a wide variety of topics within the immigration debate.	Paper effectively analyzes the impacts that the student's proposal will have on current immigration and the United States.	A strong conclusion which accurately and effectively summarizes the student's thoughts and proposal.	Clearly organized and well-written.	May contain minor errors.
3	Paper displays some attention to current proposals.	Contains a thesis which addresses the proposal.	Contains a summary which addresses a few topics.	Limited analysis; is mostly descriptive but lacking in-depth analysis.	Conclusion summarizes student's thoughts and proposal.	Acceptable organization; errors do not interfere with comprehension.	May contain errors that do not seriously detract from quality of essay.
2	Paper displays very little attention to current proposals.	Presents a limited, confusing, or poorly developed thesis.	Contains a summary which addresses only one topic.	Very simple explanation of the impact that does not indicate mastery of content.	Conclusion offers basic but ineffective summary of thoughts.	Weak organizational skill and/or writing skills which interfere with comprehension.	May contain major errors.
1	Paper does not display an understanding of current proposals regarding immigration.	Contains no effective thesis or a thesis which does not address the topic.	Contains a summary which does not accurately address main concerns in the immigration debate.	Shows inadequate or inaccurate understanding of the topic.	Conclusion is not present or does not summarize student's thoughts and proposal.	Poorly organized or written in such a way that it is difficult to understand.	Contains numerous errors both major and minor.