

Rubric

for the CI&E Essay

Judges may award all or no points. This is a working document for as many as three judges. Final points are a compromise among judges, NOT A RUNNING POINT TOTAL or pure point averaging. Return this form to the student with the objective portion of the contest.

■ Points AWARDED:

Does the essay reveal an understanding of the question, particularly by stating an idea as a topic sentence and providing relevant information? 5 points maximum

Does the essay either analyze or interpret? 2 points maximum

Does the essay provide concrete details and apt quotations rather than generalizations? 2 points maximum

Are proper sentence structure and grammar used? 1 point maximum

Total **POSITIVE POINTS** (add all positive points together, 10 points maximum)

■ Points DEDUCTED:

Is the essay sloppily written? 1/2 point max.

Is the essay poorly proofread? 1/2 point max.

Does the essay contain padding or pompous wording? 1 point max.

Does the essay editorialize? 1/2 point max.

Total **NEGATIVE POINTS**: (add all negative points together, 2 1/2 points max)

	Judge #1	Judge #2	Judge #3	Consensus
Does the essay reveal an understanding of the question, particularly by stating an idea as a topic sentence and providing relevant information? 5 points maximum				
Does the essay either analyze or interpret? 2 points maximum				
Does the essay provide concrete details and apt quotations rather than generalizations? 2 points maximum				
Are proper sentence structure and grammar used? 1 point maximum				
Total POSITIVE POINTS (add all positive points together, 10 points maximum)				
Is the essay sloppily written? 1/2 point max.				
Is the essay poorly proofread? 1/2 point max.				
Does the essay contain padding or pompous wording? 1 point max.				
Does the essay editorialize? 1/2 point max.				
Total NEGATIVE POINTS : (add all negative points together, 2 1/2 points max)				

OVERALL ESSAY SCORE (Subtract the number of negative points from the number of positive points. The UIL urges judges NOT to award negative overall essay points.) _____

OBJECTIVE SCORE (Score from the objective portion of the test.) _____

OVERALL SCORE (Add essay score to objective score.) _____