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Fall 2014 - Presidential Paper Rubric

Honors Modern American History – Mr. Tengowski

Category	Excellent	Good - Average	Average - Poor	Get a Clue	Self	Mr. T
Organization (10 Points)	(10 Points) The introduction is inviting, states the goal or thesis, and provides an overview of the issue. Information is presented in a logical order and maintains the interest of the audience. The conclusion strongly states a personal opinion.	(9-7 Points) The introduction includes the goal or thesis and provides an overview of the issue. Information is presented in a logical order but does not always maintain the interest of the audience. A conclusion states a personal opinion.	(6-4 Points) The introduction includes the main goal or thesis. Most information is presented in a logical order. A conclusion is included, but it does not clearly state a personal opinion	(3-0 Points) There is no clear introduction, structure, or conclusion.		
Thesis (5 Points)	(5 Points) There is one goal or thesis that strongly and clearly states an opinion and identifies the issue.	(4-3 Points) There is one goal or thesis that states an opinion and identifies the issue.	(2 Points) An opinion is not clearly stated. There is little reference to the issue.	(1 Point) The opinion is not easily understood. There is little or no reference to the issue.		
Evidence + Support (20 Points)	(20-18 Points) Three or more excellent reasons are stated with good support. It is evident that a lot of thought and research was put into this assignment.	(17-15 Points) Three or more reasons are stated, but the arguments are somewhat weak in places.	(14-10 Points) Three reasons are presented but with weak arguments.	(9-3 Points) Arguments are weak or missing. Only two reasons are presented.		
Word Choice (5 Points)	(5 Points) Word choice is creative and enhances the argument.	(4-3 Points) Word choice enhances the argument.	(2 Points) There is evidence of attention to word choice.	(1 Point) Word choice is limited.		
Conventions (5 Points)	(5 Points) There are no errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	(4-3 Points) There are few errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling, but they do not interfere with understanding.	(2 Points) There are several errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.	(1 Point) There are numerous errors in grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling.		

Total /45 Points