

Georgia Independent Christian Arts & Academics

Rhetorical Analysis Essay Score Sheet

Contestant #
Judge's Name

Rating Criteria	Rating	Score	Comments
<i>Analysis of the Elements of the Essay</i>			
<u>Interprets</u> -Interprets the question perceptively and makes a comprehensive application of the question to the work. -Is the essay focused on the prompt? -Does the writer address the significant issues Raised in the prompt?	25		
<u>Develops</u> -Develops the thesis with a wealth of well-chose specific examples. -Explores the question in depth. -Does the writer show an understanding of stylistic elements?	25		
<u>Organization</u> Organizes material in a consistently coherent manner. - Thesis -does the essay have a unifying thesis? - Coherence -does the essay follow a clear plan of development? Do the paragraphs fit together logically & smoothly to develop the thesis? - Structure -does the essay have a clear & effective beginning, middle & end?	25		
<u>Style</u> Shows maturity of expression with a firm command of consistently high level of diction & a wide variety of sentence structure. - Sentence Variety -does the writer vary the structure of his/her sentence? - Diction -are the writer's word choices precise, original & unpretentious - Voice -does the writer establish a consistent, appropriate, mature voice? Is the tone effective?	15		
<u>Correctness</u> -No major errors in expression-good command of mechanics -Keeping in mind that the writer writes without benefit of a dictionary or time for revision, do you find that he/she has a good command of grammar, punctuation & spelling?	10		
Total Rating Score	100%		Please rank:
Additional Comments-			

