

Americanism Essay Criteria and Rubric

35 Points- Theme Development: This would involve answering the who, what, where, when and why about the theme. Essays should relate to the writer's personal experiences.

35 Points- Clarity of Ideas: Essays should have an easy to understand format or organization with correct spelling and grammar usage. The ideas or points are clearly expressed. The reader should have a clear understanding of the writer's explanation of the theme.

30 Points- Knowledge or Understanding of the Question: The writer shows an understanding of the key words in the question. (This assists the writer with the task of staying on the topic or the question.)

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35 Points- Theme Development:

- 25 Points- The writer answers the who, what, where, when and why about them.
- 10 Points- The writer provides personal experiences that relate to the topic.

35 Points- Clarity of Ideas:

- 25 Points- The essays should have an easy to understand format or organization so that the reader understands the writer's explanation of the theme. The ideas or points are clearly expressed.
* Grades 5 and up should have an introduction, smooth transitions between ideas and a conclusion.
- 5 Points- The writer uses correct spelling.
- 5 Points-The writer uses correct grammar.

30 Points- Knowledge or Understanding of the Question:

- 30 Points- The writer shows an understanding of the key words in the question. (This assists the writer with the task of staying on the topic or question.)