

Essay Grading Rubric
Destiny, Freewill, and Entrapment in Hispanic Narrative

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1. Format, Organization and Completion (20) _____

The paper contains all of the required components (cover page, synopsis, introduction, literature review, discussion of a central concept, analysis, conclusion, and works cited), is formatted according to specifications in the syllabus and MLA Handbook, and meets the length requirement. Each component of the essay is developed and the paper is complete.

2. Sources (20) _____

Sources are appropriate to the topic, scholarly, informative, and utilized (paraphrased and/or quoted) in a way that supports and enhances the paper's analysis and argument.

3. Content (essentials) (20) _____

The paper contains a well-conceived and well-articulated thesis statement. The analysis or comparison is framed effectively and the argument is cohesive and exhibits an effective use of transitions between paragraphs. The underlying thought process is rational and objective.

4. Content (argument) (20) _____

A specific concept is persuasively brought to bear on the work(s) analyzed. The analysis is insightful, perceptive, and thoughtful. Points of view that contradict or detract from the argument are acknowledged and addressed. Argument makes a strong case in defense of the thesis. Conclusion recaps and enlightens.

5. Readability (20) _____

The paper uses correct syntax and contains few if any grammatical errors. Word-choice is varied and exact with little to no repetition. There is no superfluous information or argumentative redundancy. Sentence-length and paragraph-length are varied and measured. The paper contains no misspelled words.

Total Points _____

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