

Below is a rubric that you can use as a guideline for how your paper will be graded.

<b>Social Studies Explanatory Essay Rubric</b>	<b>Excellent (4)</b>	<b>Good (3)</b>	<b>Average (2)</b>	<b>Poor (1)</b>
<p><b>Organization</b> (Demonstrates organization: Shows strong introduction, addresses topic, main idea, and contains main body and conclusion of the paper) <b>Worth: 30%</b></p>	<p>a. Contains solid introduction. b. Well developed main body paragraphs. c. Conclusion with a perspective. d. Clear thesis and evidence if applicable.</p>	<p>a. Contains introduction. b. Contains main body paragraphs. c. Contains conclusion. d. Contains thesis and evidence if applicable.</p>	<p>a. Weak introduction b. Weak main body paragraphs. c. Weak conclusion. d. Unclear thesis and inconsistent evidence.</p>	<p>a. Very poor or no introduction. b. Very poor or no main body paragraphs. c. Very poor or no conclusion. d. Very poor or no thesis and/or evidence.</p>
<p><b>Development of Ideas</b> (Knowledge of evidence from the social science: facts, supporting details; and concepts/ideas) <b>Worth: 30%</b></p>	<p>a. Logical progression of ideas. b. Transitions easy to follow, clear and effective. c. Shows understanding of major ideas.</p>	<p>a. Some inconsistencies in progression of ideas, unity or coherence. b. Transitions clear, evident and understandable. c. Demonstrates detailed understanding of ideas.</p>	<p>a. Major inconsistencies in the development of ideas, unity, and/or coherence. b. Transitions missing or very weak. c. Very poor understanding of ideas.</p>	<p>a. No progression of ideas, unity, or coherence. b. Transitions missing or weak. c. Lack of understanding of ideas.</p>
<p><b>Details and Content (Use of source material and citation)</b> <b>Worth: 20%</b></p>	<p>a. Discussion reveals both depth and breadth in the mastery of content, level of analysis, and/or solutions to problems. b. Contains all expected content c. Appropriate citations and bibliography as required.</p>	<p>a. Discussion reveals mastery of content, coherent analysis, and/or solutions to problems. b. Contains most expected content. c. Minor errors in citations and/or bibliography.</p>	<p>a. Discussion reveals some mastery of content, coherent analysis, and/or solutions to problems. b. Contains some expected content. c. Errors in citations and bibliography.</p>	<p>a. Discussion reveals major errors in content, nearly incoherent analysis, and/or little or no solutions to problems. b. Contains almost no expected content. c. Citations and/or bibliography missing.</p>