

Name: _____ Period: _____

Unit 4 Essay

This essay is worth a large portion of your test grade for this unit. We will do some minor editing in class, but mostly you will write this essay outside of class. Every class assignment and lecture will give you information that will help you with this essay, so it is advised that you take notes and keep track of your assignments.

Write a 2 ½ -3 page essay in MLA format (Times New Roman font, 12 pt. font, double spaced, 1 inch margins) on the following prompt:

Construct an argument that explains the significant political, economic, technological, social, and cultural contributions of Rome and Greece and how they have influenced the modern United States.

Review the following rubric for additional requirements

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| Thesis | Thesis gives a roadmap for the essay. The points are clear, accurate and respond to the prompt without simply restating the prompt. | Basis of outline is there but maybe the points aren't clear or entirely accurate or the prompt is slightly restated. | Outline of essay in thesis is fuzzy and the points aren't totally accurate. The prompt is mostly restated. | Attempt at a thesis, but missed the point. | Maybe there is a roadmap to the essay in this thesis? Hard to tell. The points aren't accurate. The prompt is restated. | Nothing. Where is your thesis? |
| Bibliography | Alphabetized, true citations, hanging indent, double spaced, MLA, has appropriate number of citations (5-10) | Missing one requirement | Missing two requirements | Missing three requirements | Missing four requirements | Missing five or more requirements |
| Evidence | The evidence given to support your thesis is clear, true, and builds up your argument. It is some of the best points you could bring up. | The evidence given is either in part untrue or doesn't entirely back up your argument or aren't really the best points to bring up. | The evidence that you give is about ½ untrue or incomplete | 2/3 of the evidence are inaccurate and aren't clear. It feels like name dropping. You missed the most important points. | I don't know where you found this evidence because ¾ of it is false. It therefore doesn't support your argument. | No evidence. Pulled stuff out of your head. |

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| <p>Format</p> | <p>2 ½- 3 typed pages, double spaced, times new roman font, MLA format. Intro, Body, Conclusion.</p> | <p>Messed up one part of the format</p> | <p>Messed up two parts of the format</p> | <p>Messed up three parts of the format</p> | <p>Messed up four parts of the format.</p> | <p>Your format is a little bit of a mess.</p> |
| <p>Mechanics</p> | <p>A couple minor mistakes</p> | <p>A few mistakes</p> | | <p>Mistakes every paragraph</p> | <p>Mistakes make it hard to read</p> | <p>Is this English?</p> |