

Memoir Essay Rubric- English II Honors

| | Criteria | Yes, clearly evident and developed | Not quite, but may be emerging or partially developed | Not evident |
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| Format | Is typed in MLA format | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Has an introduction, body, conclusion and is at least four paragraphs | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Paragraphs are well-developed with strong topic sentences | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Includes an interesting lead and strong closing | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| Style | Is written in first person point of view | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Includes mostly action verbs instead of linking verbs | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Writer uses sentence variety (long & short) | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Paragraphs transition smoothly from one to the next | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Writer elaborates with sufficient and appropriate sensory details | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | Incorporates at least one element of figurative language | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| Mechanics | Is free from errors wherein an effort to proofread and edit is evident | 1 | .5 | 0 |
| | TOTAL | | | |

- A papers will meet all of the criteria above 9.5-11 points
- B papers will meet most of the criteria 8-9 points
- C papers will meet some of the criteria 6.5-7.5 points
- D papers will meet a few of the criteria 5.5-6 points