

## SCIENCE/NON-SCIENCE ESSAY SCORING RUBRIC

**Assignment:** Write a one-page essay explaining what distinguishes science from non-science. Use examples and information from class discussion and the movie 'Judgement Day'.

**Ratings:** Level 5 = exceptional, Level 4 = skilled, Level 3 = proficient, Level 2 = developing, Level 1 = inadequate

### LEVEL

**Focus:** Your essay establishes its central idea clearly and effectively in the opening paragraph and maintains this focus (i.e., the assignment topic) throughout the essay. Each paragraph is logically linked to the main idea and all sentences within a paragraph serve to further develop and maintain this focus.

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**Conventions :** Your essay's prose is written in grammatically correct English; it has no spelling or grammatical errors; it shows a sound understanding of the structure of a good sentence and paragraph. Essay is no more than one single-spaced typed page.

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**Organization :** Your ideas follow and relate to each other in a logical and effective way. Information is organized within the sentences and paragraphs, as well as the paper itself, for maximum effectiveness. Ideas and topics within the essay are balanced (equal effort to central topics).

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**Insight :** The degree to which your essay shows insight into your theme. Your essay explores your subject in all its complexity and shows your understanding of the nature of that complexity. Such insights should not be implied but revealed and developed through good examples based on what you know at this point.

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