English 1301/1302 Essay Grading Profile

Paper is _____ words, approx.____pages, <u>double spaced</u>, <u>12 point font</u>   _____Yes _____No

Content: 40 points	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
1. Introduction states narrowed topic and a clearly appropriate thesis or purpose, and major points.					
2. Writer provides ample relevant examples, reasons, and analysis of sources to support the thesis.					
3. Paper avoids summarizing and focuses on analysis.					
4. Author avoids needless repetition and uses a vivid, scholarly vocabulary, as well as maintains sentence structure variety, sentence introduction variation, and flow.					
5. Paragraphs have clear topic sentences.					
6. Content has originality/character/style and contains perceptive ideas.					
Total Points	**40-36**	**35-32**	**31-28**	**27-24**	**23 and below**

Organization: 15 points	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
1. Paper includes an introduction, body, conclusion, and works cited that work together clearly and concisely.					
2. Author follows logical outline that clearly develops the thesis and does not stray from the topic.					
3. Paragraphs are fully developed with a clear purpose and smooth transitions.					
Total Points	**15-13**	**12-10**	**10-8**	**7-5**	**5 and below**

Mechanics and Grammar: 20 points	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
1. Writing is free of grammar errors such as word usage, agreement, proper structure, etc.					
2. All sentences are punctuated correctly with few to no mechanical errors.					
3. Paper uses formal diction with correct spelling.					
	20-18	**17-16**	**15-14**	**13-12**	**11 and below**

MLA documentation: 25 points	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
1. Each quotation/paraphrase/summary is introduced smoothly.					
2. Each quotation/paraphrase/summary is significant to the thesis.					
3. Parenthetical citations included appropriately.					
4. Documentation of paraphrases and quotes punctuated correctly.					
5. Ellipses and quotation marks handled appropriately.					
6. All paraphrases and quotes have entry on the Works Cited.					
7. Works Cited entries are in appropriate formats.					
8. At least 8 sources; only two can be unique to Internet.					
9. All sources listed on the Works Cited are used in paper at least once.					
10. All headings, headers, and margins are in proper format.					
	25-23	**22-20**	**19-18**	**17-15**	**14 and below**