

# Criteria for an Analytical Essay

## (GRADE 8)

### **Content** **60%**

- Write a short title that introduces the topic.
- Create an introduction that ends in a thesis statement and includes the title and author of the text.
- Include three pieces of detailed support from the text and connect each to the thesis statement.
- End by taking the reader beyond the lead.

### **Style (craft and technique)** **20%**

- Vary sentence openings.
- Use strong verbs and specific nouns.
- Write transitions between paragraphs.

### **Writing Conventions** **20%**

- Paragraph the essay.
- Use complete sentences.
- Use commas in a series and compound sentences.