

## GRADING RUBRIC FOR ESSAYS

Below are the elements of writing, taken from the Essay Checklist, I use to determine your grade.

### ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

Creative title on the essay	5 pts	
First sentence interesting, surprising, or captivating enough to pull the reader into the narrative	5 pts	
Dialogue used when characters speak	10 pts	
Narrative written in present tense	10 pts	
All of the sentences written in active voice	10 pts	
Unnecessary helping verbs cut	5 pts	
Clichés cut, good use of creative similes and metaphors	5 pts	
Proper grammar/punctuation/spelling	10 pts	
Overuse of indefinite pronouns (it, they, them, etc.) as the subject of the sentence	5 pts	
All adjectives and adverbs and replaced with concrete descriptions	10 pts	
Scenes described using concrete nouns and verbs, and all five senses	10 pts	
Essay formatted MLA style - 5-7 Page minimum	10 pts	
Major revisions between three drafts	5	

TOTAL: 100 POINTS