

Rubric for Concept Development Papers

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Clarity	Four or more grammatical or spelling errors. Sentence construction is awkward and difficult to follow. Tense changes from sentence to sentence.	Two grammatical or spelling errors. Only a few awkward sentences. Writing is choppy or florid, limiting the narrative flow.	No grammatical or spelling errors. Writing is clear and understandable. The narrative flows smoothly throughout the paper.	
Organization	No topic sentences. Disparate ideas not linked, but just a listing of random facts.	Topic sentences are given. Disparate ideas not linked together.	The essay links all ideas together seamlessly with either a clear introductory or concluding paragraph.	
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Reasoning and Depth	Incomplete or inaccurate listing of facts about the development of the concept. The essay is not responsive to the specific prompt posed in the assignment.	Accurate listing of the main points of development of the concept. The essay is not responsive to the specific prompt posed in the assignment.	A response to the prompt posed in the assignment is given, along with a listing of historical developments, but no reasoning to support the interpretation in light of historical developments is included.	Essay revolves around answering the prompt posed in the assignment. A reasonable interpretation of historical developments is explicitly used to defend the answer proposed.
History and Heritage	The paper doesn't discuss historical views of the concept. The paper may focus on how the writer thinks about the concept, rather than how it was viewed in history.	The paper makes major errors in discussing views of the concept. It may confuse views of the concept in historical context with how that concept is viewed today.	The paper has an over reliance on the view of the concept at specific points in history, without appreciation for how conceptual understanding evolves over time.	Distinction between how the concept was viewed in history and how those ideas are linked to later views are clearly and accurately delineated.