



ENGL 205: *Epic and Romance*

Criteria for Grades of Essays 1 and 2

Clarity of thesis and argument _____/40

- Does the writer express a clear, interpretive point in the thesis statement?
- Is there a single main point to the essay?
- Does the essay develop the thesis into a complete argument?

Integration of useful supporting examples _____/40

- Does the writer choose useful primary source quotations?
- Are the quotations the appropriate length?
- Are quotations integrated smoothly into the writer's own prose?
- Are quotations accurate?

Organization of the essay _____/40

- Does the essay have a clear beginning, middle, and end?
- Do the pieces of the essay fit together in a logical way?
- Are transitions smooth and effective?

Development of paragraphs _____/40

- Does each paragraph begin with a topic sentence?
- Are paragraphs well organized?
- Does the writer use effective transitions within each paragraph?
- Does the writer avoid plot summary?

Mechanics (grammar, spelling, punctuation, citations) _____/40

- Is the essay relatively free of mechanical errors?
- Are quotations cited accurately?
- Does the writer use MLA format for the heading, title, and page numbers?

Total _____/200

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