

FLAT 5-PARAGRAPH ESSAY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

OFF TOPIC / INSUFFICIENT INPUT (0-1)	The essay has no / very little intelligible, sufficient communication.
BEGINNER (2-3)	<p>The essay has serious problems in organization and development.</p> <p>The essay has few or no details to support the topic sentence.</p> <p>The essay has serious and/or frequent errors in application of language for the level.</p> <p>The essay has weak choice of vocabulary for the level that obscures the meaning.</p> <p>The essay has frequent spelling, punctuation and capitalization errors.</p>
DEVELOPING (4-5)	<p>The essay needs improvement in organization and development.</p> <p>The essay has inappropriate details to support the topic sentence.</p> <p>The essay has multiple errors in the application of language for the level.</p> <p>The essay has inappropriate choice of vocabulary for the level that sometimes obscures the meaning.</p> <p>The essay has several spelling, punctuation and capitalization errors.</p>
SATISFACTORY (6-7)	<p>The essay is organized and developed adequately, but not fully.</p> <p>The essay has some details which are not related to the topic, but overall is related to the topic.</p> <p>The essay has some grammatical errors but shows an adequate application of language for the level.</p> <p>The essay has adequate vocabulary for the level that doesn't obscure the meaning.</p> <p>The essay has few spelling, punctuation and capitalization errors.</p>
VERY GOOD (8-9)	<p>The essay is generally well organized and developed.</p> <p>The essay has details that support the topic sentence.</p> <p>The essay shows good application of language for the level.</p> <p>The essay has at least some level of variety of vocabulary used in a meaningful way.</p> <p>The essay is mostly spelling, punctuation and capitalization error free.</p>
EXCELLENT (10)	<p>The essay is well organized and developed.</p> <p>The essay has clear and appropriate details which strongly support the topic sentence.</p> <p>The essay shows excellent application for the level.</p> <p>The essay has a variety of vocabulary used in a meaningful way.</p> <p>The essay has no spelling, punctuation and capitalization errors.</p>