

## ENGLISH IV DCE – Synthesis Essay Rubric

### \_\_\_\_\_/60 points INTRO PARAGRAPH

- \_\_\_\_\_/ Intro paragraph must give **definition of framework**
- \_\_\_\_\_/ Definition must use **quote from literary expert** to help define framework (citation needed)
- \_\_\_\_\_/ Intro paragraph must make a claim as to **why framework is best** to evaluate particular works of literature
- \_\_\_\_\_/ Clearly stated, significant, and arguable thesis

### \_\_\_\_\_/90 points BODY PARAGRAPHS

- \_\_\_\_\_/ Includes topic sentences – clearly stated, arguable, relevant
- \_\_\_\_\_/ Includes textual evidence (quotes from works – citation needed)
- \_\_\_\_\_/ Includes evidence from outside expert (quotes or paraphrases – citation needed)
- \_\_\_\_\_/ Evidence from outside experts integrated expertly into the analysis (quotes or paraphrases – citation needed)
- \_\_\_\_\_/ A minimum of 4 *literary theory* sources must be used

### \_\_\_\_\_/45 points CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

Gives strong take-away as to the importance of the author and the importance of the literary works. Clearly explains what can be learned from this author that benefits either the individual or society.

### \_\_\_\_\_/45 points WRITING STYLE

Clear, concise, easy to follow, variation in sentence structure, mature/sophisticated

### \_\_\_\_\_/15 points VOCABULARY

Rich, powerful, strong sense of audience, appropriate word choice

### \_\_\_\_\_/15 points MECHANICS

MLA format, spelling errors, punctuation errors, run-ons, fragments, typos, verb tense, subject/verb agreement, etc.

### \_\_\_\_\_/15 points WORKS CITED

7 – 10 sources (4 – 6 lit. crit), MLA format, alphabetical order, double spaced, etc.

### \_\_\_\_\_/15 points PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Complete, strong effort

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