

RUBRIC EVALUATION LEVELS

LEVEL 5

Excellent. Level 5 work clearly differentiates itself. The work meets and/or surpasses all of the criteria of the assignment. The content is exceptional with thorough exploration of ideas, outstanding critical thinking, and superb control of writing. Ideas are original, thoughtful and/or imaginative. Spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors are nonexistent. Level 5 work demonstrates the ability to think critically, research independently, and communicate effectively.

LEVEL 4

Good. Level 4 work demonstrates an ability to pursue ideas and suggestions presented in class and work with extra effort to meet the criteria of the assignment. Content is good. Writing demonstrates better than average quality. Conventions are good and demonstrate an understanding and utilization of writing process. Above average quality of work and attention to detail are shown.

LEVEL 3

Developing. Level 3 work fulfills the criteria of the assignment but often lacks aptitude. Content is sufficiently developed but doesn't demonstrate the necessary effort needed to excel. Writing lacks thoughtful and original ideas as well as attention to details. Work demonstrates process but not a notable competence.

LEVEL 2

Poor. Level 2 work is lacking in many or most areas that show any understanding of the criteria of the assignment. The work demonstrates an unsound, unoriginal, or unimaginative thinking and/or support. In terms of content, the writing demonstrates an overall lack of understanding of form and execution. Problems may include lack of interest, procrastination, poor planning and poor craft.

LEVEL 1

Unacceptable. Level 1 work shows no overall understanding of the assignment on many levels. Work shows a severe lack of interest. Work is so substandard that the paper holds few if any redeeming characteristics.

(Level descriptions, in part, taken from *Introduction to Rubrics: An Assessment Tool to Save Grading Time, Convey Effective Feedback, and Promote Student Learning* by Dannelle D. Stevens and Antonia J. Levi.)