

Black History Month
Essay Contest Rubric

	Novices (1)	Apprentices (2)	Practitioners (3)	Professionals (4)
Thesis _____	Produces an incomplete thesis	Produces a vague thesis	Produces a present thesis	Produces a distinct thesis
Development & Support _____	Constructs lists and provides insignificant support	Constructs generalized support that sometimes repetitious, and word choice ineffective	Constructs relevant and adequate support but may be repetitive and are sometimes ineffective	Constructs sufficient, valid, and specific support and vocabulary and sentence structures are somewhat effective
Organization & Coherence _____	Produces a mechanical and often illogical structure	Produces a mechanical and sometimes confusing structure	Produces a mechanical but mostly logical and coherent structure	Produces a logical and coherent pattern
Grammar & Mechanics _____	Produces significant and numerous errors that interfere with communication	Produces errors that frequently interfere with communication	Produces a variety of errors that sometimes interfere with communication	Produces occasional errors that may interfere with communication