

Lexi's One-Page Essay Rubric

—Essays that do not meet word count will receive no more than half-credit—

CRITERIA				
Formatting <i>Details matter</i>	Mechanics <i>Polished ideas require clean mechanics</i>	Thesis & Organization <i>Theses that do not address the topic will receive no points</i>	Diction & Syntax <i>Clear thoughts require clear syntax and good word choice</i>	Analysis <i>Plot summaries, book reviews, or analysis that does not address the topic will receive no points</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> On Time and Rubric Included <input type="checkbox"/> Original and Engaging Title <input type="checkbox"/> Proper Font and Spacing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 point • Times New Roman • 1.5 Line Spacing • 1" Left-Justified Margins <input type="checkbox"/> Proper Information, Typed, and Properly Formatted in the Upper Left Corner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name • course • period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No Spelling Errors <input type="checkbox"/> No Comma Splices <input type="checkbox"/> No Fragments or Run-ons <input type="checkbox"/> No Tense or Agreement Errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • present tense • 3rd person <input type="checkbox"/> No Other Miscellaneous Errors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grammar • mechanical • punctuation • capitalization 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>THESIS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Forms a Single Declarative Sentence That Appears in the First Paragraph—<i>and Is Highlighted</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies Author and Book <input type="checkbox"/> Connects Thesis to Book <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ORGANIZATION</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas Organized into Paragraphs with Clear Topic Sentences and a Powerful Conclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Provides Smooth and Meaningful Transitions between Paragraphs and Among Ideas 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>CLEAR?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids Awkward Constructions <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids Vague or Relative Language <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids Absolute Language and Sweeping Generalizations <input type="checkbox"/> Chooses Proper Words to Convey Precise Meaning and Avoids Slang, Colloquialisms, or Moralizing <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CONCISE?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids Fluff or Padding <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids Repetition or Redundancy <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids Wordiness or Rambling <p style="text-align: center;"><i>COLORFUL?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Showcases Style <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • displays strong sense of voice • demonstrates sentence variety • uses fresh vs. common language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Every Sentence Supports the Thesis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • avoids wasteful or unrelated ideas • avoids extended plot summaries <input type="checkbox"/> Offers Interpretive Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrates what something “means” rather than simply what something “is” • establishes logical cause-and-effect • examines literary devices • employs effective woven quotes • supports assertions through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elaboration 2. Exploration 3. Examples 4. Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> Offers Interpretive Insights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides significant inferences • links assertions to concepts • elaborates on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Why? 6. How? 7. To What Effect? • establishes a broader meaning, to which every reader can relate, by exploring particular examples

Total Point Score: _____ /25