



**The 'Lit' Theatre Project – 2023
Essay Rubric**

**Palm Beach Dramaworks
Underwritten by Kids' Dreams**

	Exceeds Standard 8 points	Meets Standard 4 points	Attempted, But Doesn't Meet Standard 2 points	Not Attempted 0 points	Score
Introduction (Organization)	The introduction is inviting, states the main topic, and provides an overview of the paper. Information is relevant and the outline is presented in a logical order.	The introduction states the main topic, and adequately provides an overview of the outline.	The introduction is somewhat clear, but only partially addresses the outline.	No introduction is evident.	
Thesis Support (Details)	Each supporting paragraph (three or more) contains a strong topic sentence and relevant, concrete supporting details that gives the reader important information. Each paragraph succeeds beyond the obvious or predictable. All supporting details serve to prove the thesis statement.	Each supporting paragraph (three) contains a topic sentence that is adequately supported by relevant, concrete details. Most supporting details serve to prove the thesis statement.	The topic sentence is weak or is not stated in all paragraphs. There are less than three paragraphs. Supporting details are relevant but some key details are unsupported or unclear. Support for the thesis statement is weak or undeveloped.	No topic sentence is evident and there are no concrete details present. There are less than three supporting paragraphs. The paragraphs contain no facts, details, or examples.	
Commentary (Voice)	The author's purpose is very clear, and there is strong evidence of explanation, analysis, comparison and/or contrast. The author demonstrates mastery of knowledge.	The author's purpose is clear, and the essay contains some explanation, analysis, and comparison and/or contrast. The author logically supports their topic.	The author's purpose is not clear, and the essay contains weak or incomplete explanation, analysis, comparison and/or contrast. The author is sometimes off-topic.	No commentary is evident. Paragraphs contain little or no attempt to explain, discuss, or compare and/or contrast knowledge.	
Conclusion (Organization)	The conclusion is strong and logical and provides a clear answer to the topic question.	The conclusion is logical and answers the topic question.	The conclusion is included but does not clearly support the topic question.	No conclusion is present.	
Mechanics, Including Sentence Structure, Grammar, Spelling, Capitalization and Punctuation	Sentences are well-constructed, and the essay contains only 1-2 errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation.	Most sentences are well-constructed. The essay contains 3-4 errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation.	Several sentences are well-constructed. The essay contains more than 5 errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation.	The essay contains poorly constructed sentences, and consistent errors in grammar, spelling, capitalization, or punctuation.	