

RUBRIC FOR BOOM PAPER

	Score of 5	Score of 4	Score of 3	Score of 2	Score of 1
Theme and Support	Each response focuses on coherent theme or themes that answer the question. Every detail contributes to development of theme.	Each response focuses on a coherent theme or themes that answer the question. Sufficient specific and relevant details are elaborated to support theme.	Each response focuses on a coherent theme that answers the question. Specific details are not always sufficient or fully supported. Some details seem irrelevant or disconnected.	A theme is present in response to each question but is not clearly developed. Many statements seem irrelevant or disconnected.	No theme is obvious in response to most questions. Details are isolated and disconnected from others.
Organization	Uses an easy-to-follow logical structure and transitions to guide the reader through the progression of ideas between and within overall responses and within individual paragraphs. Includes a well-developed introduction and closing that incorporates the question.	Uses a logical structure and transitions to guide the reader through the progression of ideas within responses and individual paragraphs. Includes an introduction and closing that incorporates the question.	Some responses list ideas or arrange them randomly rather than using logical structure, but paragraphs are generally well-organized. Includes an introduction and closing that incorporates the question.	Overall responses and paragraphs are randomly organized using few transitions. Introduction and conclusion don't incorporate question or are missing.	No appreciable organization; lacks transitions and logical progression of ideas. No introduction and/or conclusion.
Style and Voice	Sophisticated formation of sentences with consistent variety in length and structure. Uses precise and vivid word choice. Writer speaks in sincere and knowledgeable voice.	Consistently complete sentences with some variety in length and structure. Uses words accurately. Writer speaks in sincere and knowledgeable voice.	Mostly complete sentences with some variety in length and structure. Word choice is general and sometimes vague. Writer speaks in sincere and knowledgeable voice.	Multiple sentence formation errors and a lack of sentence variety. Word choice is consistently vague and abstract. Voice is inconsistent and unsure.	Frequent and severe sentence formation errors and a lack of sentence variety. Misuse of words. Voice is inconsistent and unsure.
Standard Written English	Free of spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammatical errors.	Few errors that do not interfere with understanding.	Some errors that may temporarily confuse the reader but not impede overall understanding.	Several kinds of errors that interfere with understanding.	Frequent and severe errors that interfere with understanding.
Formatting	Uses effective formatting techniques such as a cover page, title, pagination, appropriate margins, paragraph breaks, etc. to produce finished document. Uses logical headings and subheadings to ensure responses can be matched to questions.		Uses minimal formatting techniques. Headings ensure responses can be matched to questions.	Uses ineffective formatting techniques. Difficult to match responses to questions.	No formatting.