

CREATING WINNING ESSAYS Rubric Worksheet

College Essay Rubric

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date _____

Presentation Team: _____ Program Coordinator: _____

	Strongly disagree 1	somewhat disagree 2	Neither agree nor disagree 3	somewhat agree 4	strongly agree 5	Comments
The essay had very few careless spelling or grammatical errors.						
The language used in the essay was simple, direct and clear.						
The essay is easy to read aloud.						
The main idea comes across clearly. The essay answers the prompt question.						
The essay brings out the authors strengths and outstanding characteristics.						
Any claims or points made are supported with specific details and concrete evidence.						

Pretend that you are on the admissions committee at the university of your choice. Please answer the following questions:

- Based on what you read in this essay, do you feel like you know more about the applicant than simply the GPA and test scores (e.g. personally, socially, etc.)? __ Yes __ No
- Would you want this student to attend your school? __ Yes __ No
- If your answer was "yes", explain what was said in the essay that convinced you to say yes. If your answer was "no", explain what the author needed to do to make the essay more convincing? _____