



How do I get an A?

Listed below are the four different areas that will be evaluated as your responses are graded. Be sure to consider each area as you write.

Rubric Section #1: Logical Approach – you must show that a thoughtful and sound process was used to solve the Main Problem.

***in other words: Did you use a reasonable strategy to deal with the Main Problem?*

4	3	2	1	NS
You proved throughout your response that your approach to the problem was reasonable and consistent.	You showed that your approach to the problem was generally reasonable, although a bit inconsistent	You showed there was limited reasoning or consistency in your approach to the problem	You showed barely any reasonable or consistent approach to dealing with the problem	Your response was incoherent, off-topic, or unable to be read.

Rubric Section #2: Production & Distribution of Writing – you must organize and sustain your writing based on a defined purpose

***in other words: Was it clear what point you were trying to make, and did you focus on that point?*

4	3	2	1	NS
Your response had a defined purpose, and it was organized with a clear focus on that purpose.	Your response had a defined purpose, although it lacked organization and a clear focus on that purpose.	The purpose of your response was a bit vague, and there was limited organization and focus.	There was no defined purpose or organization to your response.	Your response was incoherent, off-topic, or unable to be read.

Rubric Section #3: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (use of “evidence”) – you must support your arguments and positions with outside information (i.e. “stimulus items”)

***in other words: Did you back up your position with evidence, quotes, statistics, and facts?*

4	3	2	1	NS
You provided convincing support/evidence for your main idea and included appropriate sources, facts, & details.	You provided adequate support/evidence for your main idea and only limited sources, facts, & details.	You provided only modest support/evidence for your main idea and it was not strengthened by sources, facts, & details.	You provided almost no support/evidence for your main idea.	Your response was incoherent, off-topic, or unable to be read.

Rubric Section #4: Language & Conventions – you must use proper grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and other conventions of the English language

***in other words: Did you limit mistakes and respond in a thorough and professional manner?*

4	3	2	1	NS
Your response was professional and you demonstrated a command of language conventions.	Your response was mostly professional with limited errors related to language conventions.	Your response was rather sloppy with multiple errors related to language conventions.	Your response was completely sloppy and showed no effort to follow language conventions.	Your response was incoherent, off-topic, or unable to be read.