

Social Studies 11: Essay

4 Advanced	In addition to meeting the score '3' requirements, the essay contains the following • A relevant position/thesis, as directed by the command term, is clearly stated and specifically identifies the main ideas. • Superior recall of factual content; organized in a thoughtful and effective manner. • Position is supported with thoroughly developed details and insightful conclusions are drawn. • Information in the body paragraphs which goes beyond what was specifically taught in class. (it could contain details not taught in class or conclusions not specifically taught in class) • Expression is clear and fluent with few flaws in communication.
3 Proficient	Has five (5) paragraphs including: • An introduction with a thesis that fully answers the given question and has sufficient background information to introduce the topic. • Three (3) main body paragraphs which contain detailed evidence to support the thesis. Explanation of the evidence connects to the thesis. • A conclusion which summarises the main body of the essay as well as a restatement of the thesis. • is generally fluent with few flaws in communication (spelling and grammar).
2 Basic	Has five (5) paragraphs including: • An introduction with a thesis that fully answers the given question • Three (3) main body paragraphs which relate to the thesis but do not fully support the thesis (the points are not fully explained) • Competent recall of factual content; generally organized in a clear manner. • A conclusion which restates the thesis but has little summary of the body paragraphs • errors may distract from the meaning
1 In Progress	May or may not have five (5) paragraphs and is limited in one or more of the following ways • A thesis statement is attempted but does not fully answer the question • limited identification of the supporting evidence • The conclusions are weak • Expression is limited and errors limit meaning • limited or no attempt at a conclusion