

Assessor: _____

Essayist: _____

PBL Expert Essay Scoring Rubric

Your expert essay should reflect the processes and procedures of critical thinking; your oral presentation should reflect critical thinking dispositions.

	Failing (0 points)	Poor (1 pt)	Fair (2 pts)	Good (3 pts)	pts
Title & Abstract Page (addend)	Title only; no abstract provided or inappropriate.	Abstract rambling, imprecise <i>and</i> not comprehensive; on separate page with title.	Abstract rambling, imprecise <i>or</i> not comprehensive; on separate page with title.	Abstract concise, comprehensive, clearly communicates nature of essay's contents; on separate page with title.	
Organization (addend)	Thesis statement, introduction, body and close essentially indistinguishable; mostly specific information with few generalities; disorganized.	Has some of the essential components but is disorganized; no real movement from generalities to specifics; somewhat disorganized.	Has all the essential components, but is somewhat disorganized; moves generally from generalities to the specifics.	Thesis statement, introduction, body, and close clearly discernable; essay moves regularly from generalities to specifics.	
Writing Style (addend)	Too familiar (e.g., repeated use of "you"); rambling commentary; poorly formulated paragraphs.	Mixed style; mostly too familiar; some-what professional, and/or poorly formulated paragraphs.	Mixed style; mostly professional; somewhat too familiar; well formulated paragraphs.	Suitable for journal publication with a few minor revisions; well formulated paragraphs.	
Professionalism (addend)	Unprofessional; no evidence of significant use of references; provides mostly general commentary and personal opinions; strong evidence of "surface learning."	Less professional; some material of substance, but lots of personal commentary; could be enhanced considerably; shows more "surface learning" than "deep learning."	More professional; material mostly of substance, but includes some opinions; could be enhanced somewhat; shows more "deep learning" than "surface learning."	Very professional; clear evidence of use of several references; material of substantive value; research based; no needed improvement; strong evidence of "deep learning."	
Clarity (addend)	Poorly written; a number of major and minor grammatical errors; essentially unreadable; paragraphs are a jumble of sentences and sentences are a jumble of words; gibberish; key points missing and/or not elaborated.	Tolerably well written; a fair number of minor grammatical errors; a few major errors; confusing to reader; no evidence of regular review and revision; key points are made, but not often elaborated.	Reasonably well written; a few minor grammatical errors; easy and interesting reading; evidence of regular revision and proof reading; key points are made, but not always elaborated.	Well written; no grammatical errors; easy and interesting reading; clear evidence of regular revision & proofing; key ideas are fully elaborated and illustrate what is meant; examples are provided as appropriate.	
Accuracy (addend)	Multiple and gross errors in fact; grossly inaccurate conclusions.	Multiple minor errors in fact; poorly-drawn conclusions.	Minor errors in fact; reasonably well drawn conclusions.	No discernable errors in fact; well-grounded conclusions.	
Precision (addend)	Makes broad statements of generalities; provides no details and no supporting evidence for claims.	Mostly broad generalities, a few concise statements; very limited use of supporting evidence.	Mostly concise statements but a few broad generalities; moderate use of supporting evidence.	Makes concise statements rather than broad generalities; provides details; provides substantial evidence.	
Relevance (addend)	Arguments are not cogent, concise, and relevant; few arguments are given and they are poorly reasoned, and insufficient to the task.	Arguments are not always cogent, concise, and relevant; many arguments are given but they are poorly reasoned; reader unconvinced.	Most arguments are cogent, concise, and relevant; a small number of arguments provided and all are well reasoned; reader uncertain.	All statements are relevant to the topic or bear on the question at hand; assists in clarifying topic or resolving issue.	

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Depth (addend)	Address few if any of the main factors that make this topic important; clearly lacks evidence of appropriate review of resources.	Addresses some of the main factors that make this topic important; shows some evidence of review of two or more resources.	Addresses most of the main factors that make this topic important; shows evidence of review of several resources.	Fully addresses main factors that make the topic important; deals with complexities; identifies difficulties; shows evidence of review of several major critical resources.	
Breadth (addend)	Addresses full range of subject matter poorly; provides biased alternative perspectives.	Addresses full range of subject matter irregularly; provides no or incorrect alternative perspectives.	Addresses full range of subject matter adequately; includes other important perspectives if pertinent to topic.	Addresses full range of subject matter very thoroughly; includes multiple important perspectives if pertinent to topic.	
Logic (addend)	Logic flawed; draws inappropriate conclusions from data or draws conclusions without supporting data; garbled presentation; lacks logical flow of presentation.	Logic weak, perhaps flawed, but attempts to draw appropriate conclusions from the limited amount of data provided; somewhat disorganized presentation of information	Fairly good use of logic; provides good data, but perhaps draws improper conclusions on the basis of that data; orderly presentation of information and arguments.	Arguments provided are all well reasoned, "win the day" and make sense; first paragraph aligns with last; conclusions flow from evidence; order of presentation suggests use of a topical outline	
Significance (addend)	Paper consists of a jumble of trivial information.	Paper deals with some important information but much of it trivial.	Paper deals mostly with important information; but includes some trivial.	Paper deals exclusively with important, not trivial, information.	
Spelling, and Punctuation (addend)	Numerous spelling and/or punctuation errors.	A modest number of spelling and punctuation errors.	No spelling errors, and only a few punctuation errors.	Insignificant number of punctuation errors; no spelling errors.	
Format & Appearance (addend)	Gross violation of format guidelines dealing with font, font size, line spacing, and border areas; poor print quality.	Fails to meet two or three guidelines of appropriate font, font size, line spacing, and border areas; fair print quality.	Fails to meet one the guidelines for appropriate font, font size, line spacing, and border areas; good print quality.	Uses appropriate font, font size, line spacing, and border areas; good layout; good print quality.	
Citations & References (addend)	Clearly uses others' ideas without making in-line citations giving credit due; no references provided.	Often uses other's ideas without making in-line citations; maybe one or two references provided.	Once or twice uses other's ideas without making in-line citations; two or three references provided but lacks critical sources.	Makes appropriate use of in-line citations to credit due to others; four or more references provided.	
Sum of Addends:					45
Timeliness (multiplier on Sum of Addends)	Essay turned in 5 or more days after oral presentation. (0X)	Essay turned in late at a penalty of 20% per day following presentation. (0.2X-0.8X)	Essay turned in only to instructor after oral presentation but same day (0.95X)	Essay distributed to instructor and students prior to or during same class as oral presentation (1.0X)	
General Comments:					
Total out of 45 possible points:					45
Percentage of 45 possible points:					_____