Western Wyoming Community College
Writing Across the Curriculum
Essay Writing Assessment

Use the following form to assess your final writing project.

Focusing

**PURPOSE**

**Questions to ask:**
- ☐ Do you state your purpose and relate it to your audience in the introduction?
- ☐ Do you restate your purpose in the conclusion?

**Comments:**

Developing

**CONTENT/EVIDENCE**

**Questions to ask:**
- ☐ Does the paper include results of your analysis and interpretation of the evidence? (or did you simply list the ideas of others?)
- ☐ If your purpose is to argue to persuade, do you acknowledge the opposing side?
- ☐ If your purpose is to solve a problem, do you show how to solve it?
- ☐ If your purpose is to analyze, do you go beyond a summary and examine the topic?
- ☐ Did you connect thoughts and develop your own ideas?

**Comments:**
Organizing

**STRUCTURE**

Questions to ask:
- Are you achieving purpose through an appropriate structure?
- Do you use paragraphs or sections to organize your ideas?
- Do these paragraphs or sections support the purpose with sufficient information? (detailed examples, statistics, facts, etc.)
- Do you use transitional words or sentences to connect the sections?

Comments:
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Polishing

**PRESENTATION**

Questions to ask:
- Do you use language and sentence structure that is clear, concise and direct?
  - Are your words carefully chosen and correctly spelled?
  - Are sentences grammatically correct?
- Is punctuation correct?
- Does your paper conform to appropriate conventions for citing and crediting sources?
- Is your paper neat and professional in appearance?
- Does the final product correspond to the instructor’s presentation requirements?

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Final Assessment ____________________

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