

TAH Module: Historiographical Essay Rubric

Rating Scale: 1-Does Not Follow the Assignment 2-Unacceptable 3-Acceptable 4-Exemplary

Element	Criteria	Score	Comments
Introduction	Clearly indicates the question or problem the essay addresses and engages the reader's interest		
Thesis	Thesis is indicated in the introduction, demonstrates depth of insight, and is well developed in the body of the essay		
Organization	Essay reads smoothly with well-crafted transitions between ideas		
Selection of Sources	Selection of sources indicates careful attention to credibility and an effort to identify important authors in the field		
Analysis	Describes aspects of authors' background important for understanding their viewpoint		
	Focuses on identifying authors' arguments, perspectives, goals, use of evidence, and contributions to the field		
	Comparison focuses on similarities/differences in the questions authors' pose, the evidence they examine, the issues they agree/disagree on, and the arguments they advance		
	Explains similarities/differences among interpretations and what accounts for these		
Conclusion	Conclusion emerges logically from the preceding analysis and provides a refined statement of the thesis		
Grammar, Style, and Formatting	Writing is free of sentence-level errors, formatting errors, and stylistic problems; sources are properly cited		