

TAH Module: Opening Up the Textbook (OUT) Essay

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 how it is (or is not) covered in the classroom textbook		
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, and use of evidence		
	Explains similarities/differences among interpretations and what accounts for these		
	Clarifies the significance of the reviewed works for (re)interpreting the history of the subject		
Conclusion	Focuses on the significance of the reviewed works for instruction—how they prompt you to reconsider what you teach about the subject and how.		
Grammar, Style, and Formatting	Writing is free of sentence-level errors, formatting errors, and stylistic problems; sources are properly cited		