

New York State Thespian Conference

Democracy Works Rubric 2021



EDUCATIONAL
THEATRE
ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK CHAPTER

Adjudicator:

Title of Essay:

Meets criteria (adheres to prompt, 500 words or less):

CATEGORY	SUPERIOR 15-13	EXCELLENT 12-10	GOOD 9-7	FAIR 6-1	CATEGOR Y SCORE
CONTENT	Essay directly responds to the entire prompt with a significant argument; is explicit and identifiable	Essay directly responds to a significant portion of the prompt with a significant argument; is explicit and identifiable	Essay partially responds to the prompt with a basic argument; is identifiable	Essay partially responds to the prompt; argument may not be identifiable	
FOCUS	Essay has a clear focus, direction, and point of view; idea is clearly communicated; is compellingly written	Essay has a clear focus and direction; idea is clearly communicated; is well-written	Essay has a clear focus; idea is somewhat communicated	Essay's focus is unclear or nonexistent; idea is poorly communicated	
SUPPORT and/or EVIDENCE	Author uses anecdotes, stories, and/or other forms of evidence to support their argument or point of view; thoughts are well-developed and thoroughly explained within the limitations of essay parameters	Author uses anecdotes, stories, and/or other forms of evidence to support their argument or point of view; thoughts are mostly developed and explained within the limitations of essay parameters	Author uses some evidence to support their argument or point of view; thoughts are somewhat developed	Author uses little or no evidence to support their argument or point of view; thoughts are underdeveloped	
STRUCTURE	Clear transitions between ideas	Clear transitions between ideas	Some transitions	Few or no transitions	

	and/or paragraphs, logical structure based on the topic addressed; conclusion leaves reader with feeling of understanding what the author is trying to illustrate	and/or paragraphs, logical structure based on the topic addressed; conclusion may not be fully developed	between ideas and/or paragraphs are evident, structure may not be suited to topic; conclusion may not be fully developed	between ideas and/or paragraphs, structure may not be suited to topic; conclusion is underdeveloped or missing	
PERSONAL CONNECTION	Author infuses personal voice into entire essay; evidence of clear personal connection	Author infuses personal voice into essay; some evidence of personal connection	Author occasionally expresses personal voice; some evidence of personal connection	Author does not express personal voice; little or no evidence of personal connection	

Superior= 75-65	Excellent= 64-50	Good = 49-35	Fair= 34-5	Total Score
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