

## Scoring Rubric for “Investigating Investigation” Essay

Please refer to the scoring guide for reminders about the specific criteria for each category as represented on the rubric by these scores:  
4=exemplary 3=competent 2=uneven 1=insufficient

### Content

Content is responsive to the assignment	4	3	2	1
Presents focused, analytical line of argument	4	3	2	1
Integrates examples precisely and deftly	4	3	2	1
Offers the most persuasive evidence for the case you are building	4	3	2	1
Guides the reader through the complexities, meanings and implications of the evidence	4	3	2	1
Demonstrates your ability to do close reading	4	3	2	1
Presents new insights in a fresh and original way	4	3	2	1

### Structure

Strong introduction with effective, analytical thesis statement	4	3	2	1
Well-developed, coherent paragraphs with clear topic sentences relating to the thesis	4	3	2	1
Paragraphs structured to demonstrate a synthesis of your observations	4	3	2	1
Thoughtful conclusion which draws together the observations you've made	4	3	2	1

### Mechanics

Correct and varied sentence structure	4	3	2	1
Precise and specific vocabulary	4	3	2	1
Accurate punctuation and mechanics	4	3	2	1
Strong and original voice	4	3	2	1