**Essay II Grading Rubric**

**English 2000 – Wingenbach**

For your **Causal Argument Essay** you will be given a mark of one to five in the following areas:

1. Assignment requirements: These are outlined on the assignment sheet and include formatting requirements, word count, citation mechanics, and bibliography formatting and content.
2. Writing Mechanics & Editing Efficiency: Spelling, punctuation, grammar and the proofing thereof
3. Overall organization: This area focuses on macro level organizational issues including thesis formation, introduction and conclusion development, organization of body paragraphs, and transitions between sentences, paragraphs, and major divisions of the paper.
4. Argument organization: This area focuses on your ability to distinguish and organize either causes or effects of an event or phenomenon. Also included in this area is your ability to give rank and priority to the different effects and argue for a primary effect(s).
5. Argument support: This area focuses on how well you have supported your thesis and the assessment of the causes or effects you have made. Well developed arguments and claims will be supported by logical reasoning, the citation of source material, and, perhaps, data analysis (depends on the issue).

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